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Rev. B. C. Meigs,
Jaffna, Ceylon.

Boston, Dec. 19, 1832.

My Dear Sir,

Your late communications, proposing a plan for effecting your return to this country, with your family & several other children of the mission, have been laid before the Committee; & Mr. Reed, Mr. Hill & myself have been authorized to make such an arrangement as may be found practicable and expedient. Precisely what that will be cannot yet be known, but it is more likely to be the one you propose than any other. We shall of course give you seasonable notice.

I trust you will be prepared with all sorts of information, & particularly with statistical information, concerning the mission, & Jaffna, & the people generally who speak the Tamul language. Indeed the more thoroughly & the sooner we are furnished with such information, the better for the mission & the cause.

We are anxious to receive an intelligible and finished perspective of the Seminary, &c. for our monthly paper. A Camera lucida having been sent, you will be able to furnish us with such a view. It would be worth while to pay us for it, if necessary.

Among other things I will thank you to take the ~~copy of~~ Catalogue of the Mission Library you sent home some time since, & add to it the books received up to Jan. 1, 1833, & arrange the whole on some simple plan of classification. We want such a Catalogue to be copied into a book we have for the purpose. I find it requires too much time to look out books in your former list. Please also to give the titles a little more fully.

It will be well for the mission, before your return, to spend considerable time in deliberating

how far the Board had better extend its operations among the people speaking the Tamul language, & have the results of such deliberations carefully reduced to ~~language~~ writing, & the paper sanctioned by the Mission. Let it be written for the Committee, & of course with the greatest freedom: we can be governed by your advice as to the parts to make public.

I am, &c. R. A.

Rev. D. Poor,
Ceylon.

Boston, Dec. 18, 1832.

My Dear Sir,

To make you more fully acquainted with Mr. Eckard, his plans, &c., I enclose a letter I lately received from him.

We have two other brethren set apart for Ceylon – Mr. Apthorp, whom I have mentioned before, & Mr. Hutchings, brother-in-law, of Mr. Winslow. These stand ready to embrace the first direct conveyance to Ceylon, & will probably be with you ere the next autumn.

I purpose writing Mr. Meigs & Mr. Winslow by this conveyance.

I am, &c. R. A.

(Letter from Mr. Eckard to Mr. Anderson.)

Rev. R. Anderson,
Boston.

Princeton, Dec. 7th, 1832.

Dear Sir,

I received your favor of 20th. ult.°, and about the time that the letter came to hand I noticed that the apostle specifies patience and knowledge in his list of ministerial qualifications in 1 Cor. VI. Of course I must be satisfied to go through the somewhat extensive course of studies marked out in Mr. Poor's communication, & also submit patiently to whatever delay it may necessarily occasion before I can enter upon more active labours for the Heathen: Mr.

Poor Specifies "pastoral duties" as worthy of particular attention. On that subject I can say that for nearly two years past I have, so far as I could, attended to this important branch of the ministerial office. The winter of 1830-31, I occupied in part in holding prayer-meeting in the suburbs of Philadelphia and visiting from house to house in various parts of Southwark. At that time however I was very raw at the work. Ever since I came to this place, I have been in the habit of preaching in the school houses round, chiefly at Dutch Neck about four miles off - Last Spring I held a protracted meeting (at night,) at that place assisted by my lamented friend Joseph W. Barr of whose death, when on the point of embarking for Africa, you lately heard. His preaching on that occasion was blessed to the awakening of many & the Conversion of some. He had much experience in revivals & consequently in much of the important duty of a pastor - under his tuition I then took lessons and obtained probably as much practical knowledge on the subject as I could have acquired had I been with the regular pastor of a congregation. Last October I was licensed by the second Presbyty of Philadelphia, and on my return here undertook the charge of a small congregation in Queenstown (which is merely a continuation of Princeton) to whom I preach regularly every Sabbath afternoon. Though connected with them merely, as I was, with the little handful of people who assembled at the Dutch Neck school-house, I yet have assumed the character of a sort of village Pastor & hope by the blessing of God to become very familiar with the practical duties of that office whilst at the same time I prosecute my studies. I mention this the more particularly because it in some degree impedes my studies, and therefore if you in future should desire me to pursue them with more expedition, I can do so by relinquishing these more active labors. Though I would do so very reluc-

tually - the spiritual advantages I derive from this source are such that I would not like to give them up. This morning I received a letter from Mr. Tracy informing me that he had the Tamul book you mentioned. I have made arrangements to have them transmitted forthwith. As respects the various studies mentioned in Mr. Poor's letter - Botany, Geology, Astronomy, &c. with what I know already I suppose that they will not very seriously retard my departure. I may be mistaken, but I think that by this time next year I will have gone through his course excepting the Tamul which I hardly hope to acquire much of within a year or eighteen months, for I have the idea that it is a very difficult language. I will seek out Dr. Scudder's children & either bring one here - if I can - or else go to them as you suggest. As to firing a gun, which my senior colleague considers so important, whole hecatombs of slaughtered birds can bear testimony that in days past I was somewhat accomplished in that matter - I do not think I require any additional practice in that.

I almost feel disposed to shrink at times from the tremendous responsibility of the station to which I am destined - my daily prayer is that God would send some one else there, if He sees that there has been a mistake in selecting me - some one more holy and more devoted - yet if God will go with me I will not fear to undertake even that arduous work.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. Read Eckard.

Rev. Miron Winslow,
Jaffna, Ceylon.

Boston, Dec. 19, 1832.

My Dear Brother,

Your journal of your tour into the interior of the island has been read with

a good deal of interest. I regret that no more of it was inserted in the Herald; but, owing to the extreme pressure of business, we were obliged to commit ~~to~~ care of the Herald for a few weeks to a friend not connected with the Rooms; & your journal was one of the documents which passed through his hands. I took care, however, to see that some things were omitted, which were designed, I supposed, merely for perusal at the Rooms. We have perhaps been too backward in giving publicity to the governor's letter, relaxing the cords which had restricted our operations in Ceylon; but thought it better to lean to the side of caution. We feared that he might not be pleased to see his letter copied into English publications. The removal of these restrictions is to us, as it must be to you, a matter for great rejoicing & many thanks to the gracious Lord of the world.

Your letter to ~~the~~ Dr. Cornelius was received at the same time with the journal. And here I must say that I was struck & gratified with the considerateness of that letter; — a trait, I am happy to regard as belonging to the whole correspondence of your mission with us at the Rooms. It is a quality in correspondence of inestimable value, especially where there is such an intimate relation as that which subsists between the officers & missionaries of the Board. It certainly adds very greatly to the pleasure with which I sit down to write to the members of your mission. May nothing ever occur to mar the freedom of our correspondence.

Our brethren in Bombay, or rather some of them, have found great fault with the 21st Report of the Committee (1830) on their mission — one of the last efforts of Mr. Evarts. The annual Report of the Com. can be, & is, little more than an echo of what is heard from the members of the several missions; & hence the importance of great accuracy in communica-

tions designed for those who are stationed at the Rooms. I acknowledge, however, that I fell into an error, as mentioned in yours of June 18, 1832; & an unauthorized error, in calling your theological class a School or Seminary. I hope you will find the Report for the present year more accurate in all respects and satisfactory, than you did the one for the last year. Still errors will come. When you or any of your brethren perceive them, I regard it as a duty to point them out, if of any sort of consequence; as, by so doing, you will contribute much to the accuracy of subsequent Reports. For my part, I shall always be grateful for such assistance.

The 23d Report is nearly out. The sheets as far as printed will be stitched together, & a copy sent to you. We also send the Herald, but the copies are so long in reaching you, that I cut out a notice from the December number & subjoin it.

(Here followed the article in the relation to the Secretaries and their respective duties.)

I send you also a copy of the Daily Advertiser containing a notice of your mission.

Last evening the Committee appointed your brother-in-law, Mr. Hutchings & his wife, to the Ceylon Mission, with the expectation that they will embark next Spring. It is an appointment in which I heartily rejoice, & they come into it with great cheerfulness & no little interest. Mr. Apthorp & wife will embark the first convenient opportunity. Mr. Eckard will probably be in readiness next summer or autumn. I enclose a letter from him, in a letter to Mr. Poor.

Your brother Hubbard is doing well as Pastor of the church to which I belong, but is considerably persecuted in an ultra-Hopkinsian paper in this city, noted for its personal attacks. All your brother has to do is to keep silent, & attend to his own pastoral duties. Silence is generally

the best & most effectual answer to calumny.

I send under an envelope to you certificates of election as Corr. Members of the Board for Archdeacon Glennie & Mr. Mooyart. Be so good as to enclose them to the proper persons, in letters written by yourself. I should myself enclose them to these respected individuals, were there a direct conveyance to Ceylon: this you could mention if you think proper.

Iam, &c. R. A.

Rev. Hiram Bingham,
Honolulu, Sandwich Il.

Boston, Dec. 20, 1832.

My Dear Sir,

As you will receive the Herald & the greater part of the Annual Publication of the Board (if not the whole,) at the same time with this letter, I deem it unnecessary to write you concerning certain subjects which otherwise it might be important to mention. In the minutes of the annual meeting & in the Herald for December you will learn what arrangement has been made in the department of correspondence. Your letter to Cornelius was written after he had ceased from his earthly labors. I regret that you and I have no personal acquaintance, but we live in a world full of changes. None of us abide here long, & I may soon be succeeded by another — no one knows who — he may be some friend & companion of your youth. The laborers at the Rooms must almost necessarily be short-lived. O that we felt it more, & were more anxious to be found in all respects faithful stewards of the gospel of the Lord Jesus. Cease not to pray for us, my dear brother, & for me in particular, that the service we perform for Yt. may be accepted of him, & prove a blessing to the heathen world.

We are much indebted to you for your letters received the year past. They have the following dates:

(I mention them as they come to hand) April 6/32 — April 21/31 — Nov. 23/31 — Sept. 8/31 — Nov. 25/31 — Feb. 6/32 — Journal from Nov. 27/31 &c. &c. Dec. 13/31 — June 28/31, ~~and~~ written in behalf of the mission. You will see that we have made considerable use of your letters in the Herald, & that the facts you have communicated were of great use in preparing the Report.

Your letter to me giving an account of Adams' ~~&~~ efforts to suppress Intemperance at Honolulu, has done very great good. His reply when requested to license dram shops for foreigners has awakened a smile in many ten thousands of persons in the United States.

Your letter of Feb. 6/32 giving an account of the removal of the Jesuits, & the reasons for it, together with the first paragraphs in your Journal of Nov. etc., were very satisfactory, at least to me; & I have heard no objection. The case in my own view was a very clear one as to matter of right, & I may add of expediency, too. I hope they may not return in the same vessel; nor in any other. It would not be strange, however, if the powers that be in Romish hierachcy should yet contrive to do a great deal of harm at the islands.

I have for some time had fears that the English government had designs upon the Sandwich Islands. Even the good men of the British Nation such as Mr. Ellis & Tyerman & Bennet, have not spoken of the relations between the ~~two~~ governments of the two nations just as I could have wished: they have given too much prominence to the disposition of the Sandwich Islands to claim British protection. The best protection the islands can have is the gospel, unfettered by foreign influence; & I hope the pious rulers will cast themselves upon God and his providence, & not upon any earthly protectorship. This, however, is a delicate point, & one which we must place to the disposal of divine providence. I sent you by the Mentor, I believe, an attack upon the mission by a Capt. — I do not at

this moment recollect the writer's name: it was a letter addressed to the British government, recommending that the govt. take possession of the Sandwich Islands. His facts are an impression from the stereotype of Mr. Carlton.

The history of your intercourse with the foreigners at Honolulu, forms a painfully interesting lesson on human nature. I marvel at their infatuation & folly. As for the influence they are able to exert against the mission in this country, so far as they have only misrepresentations and falsehoods to employ, it amounts to very little, & you need not give yourself much anxiety about it. It is well, however, for us, & it would be well for Mr. Ellis, to have the means of repelling any attacks that may be made.

Mrs. Anderson saw your daughter Sophia in the Spring, during my absence, & went with her to Charlestown to call on Maria Whitney. She speaks in very favorable terms of Sophia. I understand Mrs. Hill designs to write Mrs. Bingham respecting her. I think that faithful missionaries have less reason than any other class of men to fear that their children will suffer for want of friends. Do you wish the Committee to make any allowance for her education? I ask the question because you may not be aware that an application is necessary to bring the subject properly before them. It may come from yourself, or her guardian in this country.

The prosperity which has attended the Treasury of the Board for the two years past, will call forth many thanksgivings to our covenant God from the members of our several missions.

I am, &c.

A. A.

Rev. Wm. Richards,
Lahaina, Maui.

Boston, Dec. 21, 1832.

My Dear Brother,

I believe there is no one at your station, from whom there is any letter on our files to answer, except yourself. There is your letter concerning the mission to the Washington Islands. This subject is introduced into the general letter sent by the Ship Menton, which sailed from New London on the 21st ult: with two more missionaries & a printer, & will doubtless reach the islands before the Hellespont, by which I forward this.

We were committed to this measure before the death of Mr. Evarts, & in consequence of the representations of Mr. Stewart. No correspondence to my knowledge was held with the London Missionary Society on the subject; perhaps because it was not recollected that they had made any attempts at the Marquesas, or more probably because it was supposed their attention was directed to the proper Marquesas, to the exposition of the Washington Group. I wrote to Mr. Ellis informally on the subject, and as a private friend; he however answered me with caution, having been in the mean time appointed Foreign Secretary, & placed in circumstances where he thought himself not at liberty to write a private letter. But I gathered from his letter that the London Society would not be pleased with our establishing a mission in the Washington Islands. I am now about writing him an explanatory letter to be laid before the Directors; – so that if your mission shall have determined to prosecute the enterprise, no ground of ill will shall be left to trouble us, & a mutual understanding shall exist as to the manner in which the mission shall be prosecuted; & if you have done nothing about it our Committee may take such other measures as may be deemed advisable

after a full view of the case. In case nothing has been done when this letter arrives, I think it will probably be best to defer measures for the establishment of the mission till you hear from us again. It is of the greatest importance that a good understanding exist between the directors of the London Missionary Society & the A. B. C. F. M. & its missionaries.

We feel much interest in the High School at Lahaina. I observe that several letters say that Wailuku would have been a better location. It is a pity that circumstances of a temporary nature have determined it in the wrong place. On this point, however, the mission is best able to judge. We sent some books for the commencement of a library, by the Mentor, & shall send some simple apparatus by the Hellespont. We shall of course receive some particular statements in respect to the necessities of the Seminary.

I hope you will write me with a brotherly freedom, & tell me fully how I can promote your comfort & usefulness.

I am, &c. R. A.

Mr. Levi Chamberlain,
Honolulu, Oahu.

Dec 22, 1832.

My Dear Sir,

The letters from yourself to be answered are the following: April 20/31; (I now ~~come~~ name them as they come to my hand,) Sept. 14/30; Sept. 13/31 – Aug. 3/31; – Nov. 23/31 – Dec. 5/31 – Feb. 6/32.

I congratulate you upon the birth of a second child. The great mistake of parents is, being too desirous of earthly blessings for their children. Let us regard & feel towards them, & treat them habitually, as immortal beings.

Mr. Hill will write you about your pecuniary

affairs. You will see in the Laws and Regulations published in the appendix to the Report, that a change has been made in the fund for support of officers. I do not think it desirable to make that fund much larger.

The articles requested in your letter of Nov. 23/31 have been sent, with the exception of the press, & that goes in the Hellespont. You will now have three good working presses at the islands. A grant of a $1000 made a few days since by the Am. Tr. Soc. for printing Tracts at the islands, will give employment for a while to one of them. The kapa you sent for the paper maker has been wrought into paper, & a quantity was sent by the Mentor. I also sent you by the Mentor, a copy of Mr. Hudson's letter on the subject of manufacturing the article into paper. Should you send any of it to this country, it will be necessary to have it closely packed, & kept perfectly dry.

You will see what is said of the Library of the Board in the Rep. & Bye-laws. I send out a quantity of labels for those books which are public property, & beg that the mission will appoint a Librarian, adopt rules for his government, & send us a catalogue of the books properly classed.

I send also a parcel of Circulars, one for each of the brethren & sisters, with a request that you will see them filled & returned to the Rooms.

It was stated in the general letter sent by the Mentor, that a new mercantile house, under the influence of piety, was about being established at the Islands. The partners are Messrs. Brindmade, Ladd & Hooper. The two former are said to be pious men. I have not the pleasure of their acquaintance. Together, they appear to be entitled to much confidence. You will understand, however, that the mission

is in no degree pledged to give them its patronage. The agency which Mr. Reed has in the business, is as a merchant, not as a member of the Committee. Any letter he may write you on the subject you must regard in the same light. I mention this, because I perceive the distinction is not always understood, & merchants have said that the Board is concerned in this matter. But though the enterprise is purely commercial, & entirely independent of the Committee, yet we most cordially approve of it. While you take care not to identify this house, either in the views of foreigners or natives, with the mission, we hope you will be able to employ their agency in converting the proceeds of the books into money or articles useful to the mission.

I hope you will be particular to write me on the subject of salaries, according to a request I sent a year ago. We need also an estimate as to the cost of supporting a child at the ~~Is~~ islands, I mean one of the children of a missionary. When a grant is to made to one of the children who has been sent to this country, it is to be graduated upon the estimated cost of supporting such a child in the country where the parent is residing.— We wish also for an opinion whether it would be possible to sustain the mission in any other manner than the present;— i.e. by making a certain fixed allowance in money to each missionary. I do not mean whether such a change could be suddenly made; but whether it could be brought about at all, & would be desirable. The object is two-fold, at least;— to save expense to the general cause, & to diminish the amount of necessary labor at the Rooms.

We rec^d the document you transmitted relative to Mr. Bishop's case. An easy way in future of avoid-

ing such difficulties will be to establish a perfect non-intercourse with ardent spirits. The rules of the Honolulu Temp. Soc.y we like very much.

Your accounts of the political excitements at Honolulu, of the removal of the Jesuits, &c. was highly interesting. The subsequent misconduct of the young King awakened in us, as it must in you some painful forebodings. How does the young princess sustain her Yn. character? Who is now governor of Hawaii? How great is the authority of Kaahumanu, and on what ~~and~~ basis does it rest? How many of the present high chiefs have heirs, and what will be the consequence of the decease of Kaahumanu & Kuakini, &c.? Who are the chiefs, male & female, entitled to a seat in the National Council?

Let us know seasonably how much paper, etc., what apparatus for the native college &c. are needed.

I am, &c.

R. A.

Rev. Jona. S. Green,
Hilo, Sand. Isl.

Boston, Dec. 22, 1832.

My Dear Brother,

Instead of having a plenty of time on my hands to write by the Hellespont, I have had very little, owing to the fact that vessels have been going during the time I had appropriated for this purpose to Malta, Smyrna, & the East Indies. This is Saturday afternoon, & the Hellespont is to sail early Monday morning, yet I will send you a few hasty lines.

The letters rec.d from yourself & now to be acknowledged, are dated Sep. 30/31 – Oct. 4/31 – & May 7/32 – the last received to-day.

On the subject of <u>books</u> I would say that we have no idea of leaving you half furnished. The views

& tables, however, of missionaries on this subject vary so much as to what is an adequate supply, that the subject is embarrassed with some difficulty. We have solicited & received the suggestions of some of the best scholars around us as to the kind of library which is desirable for translators of the Scriptures. These suggestions we have followed as nearly as possible. I am anxious to receive the catalogues of books actually at the islands, both such as belong to the Board (in a separate catalogue & properly classed) & those belonging to individuals. We sent 6 copies of Stuart on Romans. Rosenmuller's abrigt. of his Comm. on the O. T. is daily expected, & I will send it to you by the first opportunity after it is received.

I am glad to see your anxiety to prevent our having exaggerated apprehensions with respect to the progress of the mission at the islands. The members of the mission cannot be too much on their guard. Should you see any exaggerations or misapprehensions in the Annual Report on your mission, I wish you & the other brethren to let us know them.

I shall not be able to write Mr. Dibble by this opportunity. I am, &c. R. A.

Rev. Jos. Goodrich,
Sand. Isl.

Boston, Dec. 21, 1832.

My Dear Sir,

The letters rec^d. from you & on our files to answered, are dated Dec. 30/30 — Sept. 15/31 — & Oct. 10/31. You will perceive that a considerable part of them have been printed.

Within a day or two we have received notice of a grant by the Am. Tr. Soc. of a $1000 for the printing of Religious Tracts at the Sandwich Islands. This, with

the grant of $5000 from the Am. Bib. Soc. for the printing of the N. T. (already known to the Mission,) will, with the other necessary printing, give full occupation to the presses & the binderies.

The success of ~~making~~ the experiment of making Kapa into paper is important in relation to the Islands. I wish you would give us a particular account of the Shrub from which it is obtained, & of the process of making cloth from it; also of the quantity of the article in the islands, &c.

I am unexpectedly obliged to cut short my letter. I am, &c. R. A.

Rev. Saml. Whitney,
Sand. Isl.

Boston, Dec. 22, 1832.

My Dear Sir,

Yours of Nov. 19/31, was recd. at the Rooms on the 7th of May. I was then absent & so lost the pleasure of seeing your two sons. I heard that they were at Rochester, and well. Maria is at Mrs. Hoadley's, in Charlestown, where he now resides. She is well. My dear friend & brother, & your nephew, Eli Smith, is now boarding in Mr. Hoadly's family, being engaged carrying his two vols. of valuable researches in Armenia through the press. He expects to return to the Mediterranean next Summer. We send a number of copies of his late address on the Trials of Missionaries.

I designed to have written Mr. Tinker, but the fact that the embarkation of a printer & his wife for Bombay has taken place today, &c. & that the Hellespont sails early monday morning, & that it is now nearly night on Saturday, will, I fear, prevent.

I am, &c.

R. A.

Dr. Gerritt P. Judd,
Honolulu, Sand. Isl.

Boston, Dec 22, 1832.

My Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of Sept. 26/30, I would say that we sent by the Mentor, (which sailed last month with two more married missionaries & a printer, & a married seamen's preacher,) cuts for Worcesters Geography, & also a large number of small cuts illustrating Scripture history. — We purpose sending you more cuts relative to the Scriptures as soon as I have time to look about ~~at~~ a little more leisurely. Meanwhile you & your brethren will think in what other ways we can be helpful to you.

As I must write to ~~the~~ other brethren, I cannot enlarge. I am, &c. R. A.

Missionary Rooms Boston Dec. 24 1832.

Rev. Artemas Bishop,
Sandwich Islands

My dear Sir,

I have time merely to acknowledge your favour of Nov 22-, 31; owing to the fact that the almost simultaneous sailing of ships to different parts of the world has made it necessary to write, within a few days, to every mission of the Board beyond sea, except to south eastern Asia. I must not allow the Hellespont to sail, however without saying a word respecting the contents of the letter above mentioned.

We have heard nothing of the affair except what is contained in your letter, & one sent by your request by Mr Chamberlain. The design of the foreigners was probably to annoy you, affect the credit of the mission with residents & visitors. You

did well however to furnish us with the facts.

I would advise you, in order to avoid the appearance of evil, never to have any agency whatever in administering ardent spirits to your laborers. This is the only safe & proper rule, & it is the one, I presume, which you have prescribed to yourself, as I understand it to be one of the rules of the Temperance Society formed by the chiefs of Honolulu. Every christian should not only regard, but treat the use of ardent liquors as an abominable thing to which he can give no countenance whatever.

We have received two letters signed by Mr Thurston & yourself, dated Dec 25 1,30 and Oct 15 1,31 to which I designed to have replied to the writers jointly, but fear I shall not be able to do so. You will perceive that they have been almost entirely inserted in the Herald.

Desiring regard,

R. A.

Missionary Rooms, Boston, Dec 24 - 1832

Rev Hiram Bingham
Honolulu.

My dear Brother,

The more I reflect on the subject, the more I am impressed with the necessity which is laid upon us of giving vigorous employment to the press at all the foreign stations of the Board. The Bible Society is beginning to direct to foreign objects some part of that energy which has recently dispersed so many tens of thousands of Bibles through our own country. The Tract Society is also advancing in earnest into foreign fields with her supply of Tracts. Neither of these Societies, however, is able to do the printing at their own presses; they have to employ ours; and it is desirable they should.

To the presses at the islands, the Bible Society has voted 5,000 dollars for printing an edition of 20,000 New Testaments

and the friends of that society, are many of them, very desirous to undertake the speedy supply of the islands with the entire sacred volume. The American Tract Society made a grant of 500 dollars to the mission not long since, & to day we have received another grant of a thousand dollars for the printing of religious Tracts at the islands. This is only the commencement of a series of grants, & we must endeavour to meet them with energy, & see that they are well employed.

Some of the information I now request, perhaps most of it, has been requested in former letters. So far as it shall not have been communicated, I beg that it may be forwarded without delay.

1. Number of presses fit for use — amount & kinds of type — general inventory of office furniture. If there are two seperate establishments, specify the number of presses, &c &c at each.

2. Apparatus connected with the book binding — an inventory — how divided between the two establishments.

3. How many natives have acquired some knowledge of printing & book binding — how skilful — how much disposed to work — what their wages.

4. How much paper on hand — what kind preferred — what price ought we to pay for it. This question can be answered by examining the paper on hand, & referring to the cost of it as mentioned in the invoice.

5. Amount of materials for binding on hand — pasteboard leather &c. &c.

6 How much printing can be executed by means of the apparatus now on hand, & the mechanical labor now at command.

7. How fast, all things considered, is it desirable to multiply books on the islands? I judge from a comparison of the letters received from the islands, that there is not a uniformity of opinion on this subject among the members of the Mission. Let the subject be duly considered, & let us have the deliberate opinion of the mission, fully & elaborately stated. If it be desirable to supply the islanders ten times as

rapidly as at present is done, let us aim at that. If such be the fact, & it can be shown, I have no doubt but the churches will be very ready to furnish the requisite means.

8. Do you need more presses at the islands — more type — more paper — more apparatus & materials for binding, additional printers, &c. &c. How much? — How much annually?

9 What amount of funds can you employ annually for the Bible Society? What amount for the Tract Society? — What for the Sabbath School Society? &c &c Some regard must of course be had to proportions.

In short, it is exceedingly desirable that we know all about this business. It is also desirable that the presses be employed as vigorously as may be, consistently with the real demand for books at the islands.

I am, dear brother,

very truly yours,

R. Anderson.

Rev. Dwight Baldwin,
Hawaii, Sand. Isl.

Boston, Dec. 26, 1832.

My Dear Sir,

The delay of the Hellespont gives me time to reply to your favor of Sept. 26, 1831, containing a copy of the correspondence between Capt. Parker & the members of the reinforcement of which you are one. The correspondence was so very satisfactory that we had it published in one of the New-Bedford papers.

Your suggestions respecting medicines & books have been attended to.

We remember you with interest. Indeed it is to me personally a very high satisfaction that I am acquainted with so many of our brethren now among the heathen.

The Cholera has been travelling westward through our country, & we shall expect to hear

with some solicitude of its being at the islands. I cannot well add more at this time.

I am, &c. R. A.

Rev. Eph. W. Clark,
Honolulu.

Boston, Dec. 26, 1832.

My Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favors of April 20th & Sept. 14th, 1831. The account of the excitement among the foreigners at Honolulu, the measures of Gov. A. for promoting temperance, &c. as communicated by yourself has been read with no little interest. I hope we have observed due caution with respect to our publications.

Before this reaches you, you will doubtless have had the pleasure of bidding welcome to Messrs. Parker & Smith & their wives, & Mr. Keller, the reinforcement in the Mentor, & also Mr. Diell, the seamen's preacher. I rejoice that a man of such a spirit has been inclined to devote himself to the formidable task of taming the wickedness of foreigners at Honolulu.

I am, &c. R. A.

Rev. Peter J. Gulick,
Hawaii, Kaiiai.

Boston, Dec. 26, 1832.

My Dear Sir,

Your letter of Nov. 15, 1831 & your journals from Dec. 14, 1831 & your journals from Dec. 4, 1830 to Oct. 8, 1831, have been received.

I am not able to judge from your description of your house, whether it is too large or not. I presume it is about the right size. It would be well, however, for all the members of the mission to be on their guard lest they bring

around them the appearance of great comparative wealth & comfort. Your flocks seem to me to be large, - a proof that the natives of Kauai have been desirous of books. I trust the mission will be able to devise some means to dispose of the books without this undesirable accumulation of property.

You express doubts as to the expediency of multiplying books more rapidly than they have been. I wish you had given the reasons for these doubts, as the subject is of the highest practical importance.

We are desirous of knowing accurately the number in the schools, & the number on the several islands who are able to ~~do~~ read the scriptures so as to understand what they read; - I mean such as are called readers in this country.

I am, &c

P. S. As we bind up the letters & journals recd. from the various missions, I will thank you to use paper of an uniform size, if convenient.

Rev. Wm. Ellis,
London.

Boston, Jan. 2, 1833.

My Dear Brother,

I believe I have written you since receiving your favor of ~~of~~ Dec. 21/31 & Jan. 27/32, though I am not sure on that point. The Amulet you were so good as to send me was received, but the one previously forwarded never came to hand. The article from your own pen I read attentively, & very much approve of your pressing such works into the service when you can.

Your favor of July 19/32, was recd. early in Sept. - While your dear Mrs. E. has been afflicted far beyond what is common to the children of God, how much

have you been blessed in your children. I am always glad to have you mention them, & only regret that you are not more particular. In your next let me have their names in full, & their respective ages, if you please. I wish to make my wife as much acquainted with them as may be. Does John begin to think of the ministry? Is the youngest daughter of whose piety you have so much hope, Ann Dennie? Do not fail to let me know the dealings of God with them, from time to time.

We feel obliged by your kind agency in reference to "Mary Lothrop." It would have been gratifying to have had such an edition in England, as Mr. Jackson proposed issuing; but perhaps as much good might be done on the whole by the plainer editions. If Mr. Jackson has not used the drawing, & does not think of using it, I wish he would place it in your hands to be forwarded to me — stating the cost — & I will see him paid for it. I sent you a copy of the second edition from N. Y. last Spring, & now send another for your youngest daughter from Mrs. A. neatly bound. It goes with other works hereafter to be mentioned. May I trouble you for a copy of the English edition?

I rejoice very much in your appointment as Foreign Secretary of your Society; & the fact that God in his providence has made me to sustain the same relation to our Board, makes me think with gratitude & pleasure on our former intimacy. You will probably have seen that the Board, at its last anniversary, appointed three coordinate Secretaries, & you will observe in the December Herald that in the division of ~~labor~~ duties the foreign correspondence devolves on me. The benefit of our acquaintance I shall feel in writing upon the subject which will occupy the next page.

We send ten copies of the M. Herald

to your Society, & shall hereafter send an extra one for you. We also send for you the volume just closed, & will send you missing numbers of previous numbers, if you will tell us which they are. We also send ten copies of our 23d Report for your Society, & an extra one for yourself, & some pamphlets with your name upon them. Instead of the Spirit of the Pilgrims, we shall send you a copy of the Quarterly Register of the American Education Society.

In the box containing these things, you will find for yourself a copy of Robinson's Calmet, a work which you will find very comprehensive & rich in materials: — also a religious annual published in Philadelphia. These are from myself to you, as a testimony of fraternal regard. Your Polynesian Researches in IV vols., which you authorized me to receive from Crocker & Brewster, are in my library, & often ~~of~~ remind me of your kindness & friendship.

I am, &c. R. A.

Rev. Wm. Ellis, For^n Sec^y } Boston, Jan. 2, 1833.
London Miss. Society. }

My Dear Sir,

The reference I made in a private letter some months since, to our contemplated operations in the Washington Islands, was owing to an apprehension in my own mind that we might possibly be in danger of disobliging your Society. I do not remember how the apprehension was awakened; but, in writing you as a friend in circumstances to know the facts, I thought it desirable to make the inquiries I did. I was not then prepared to bring the subject before your Directors; I am now, and am instructed to do so by our Committee. My opinion has all along been the one you express, viz. that there should be a cordial, affectionate, & fra-

ternal intercourse between the two Societies. Such I also know is the feeling of the Com. & Board, & such will ever be their practice. Our object is one, & we are brethren.

Our attention was first called to the Washington Islands by Mr. Stewart's ~~correspondence~~ representations. It was at the close of the year 1830, not many months previous to his decease, & when his health was extremely feeble; & there was less consultation, less formality in the proceedings, than is usual. It was almost the only one of the measures relating to our missionary operations beyond sea, with which I ~~can~~ was not fully acquainted at the time. It so happens — owing to the letter respecting the contemplated mission having been written at New Bedford, the place where the reinforcement of Dec. 1830 embarked, & to the ill health of the writer — that we have not a copy of what was ~~have~~ written at that time with regard to the establishment of a mission on the Washington Islands. From letters since received from the Sand. Isl. I infer that the mission was instructed to send one of their own number in company with a member of the reinforcement, to the Washington Islands.

My full belief is, that Mr. Evarts did not recollect that your Society had any intention of establishing a mission on this group. My own impressions at the time, were, that your efforts & plans had been directed towards the other group or the Marquesas. Possibly he had the same.

Mr. Evarts died in May 1831, & in the autumn of that year our Com. sent out another large reinforcement to the Sand. Isl. mission, in which were eight clergymen. We took the business relating to the Washington Islands as we understood it to have been left by Mr.

Evarts, & such instructions were given, under sanction from our Com., as were believed to correspond with those sent out the year before. Nothing was said about the operations of your Society, which implied an apprehension in any of our minds, that we were in danger of an unpleasant interference. I think we ought to have examined & reflected more on this point; & that we should probably have done, had it not been for some peculiar circumstances with which it is not necessary to take up your time. The fact is, that two of the new missionaries were designated by name for the contemplated mission, & the brethren at the Islands were earnestly requested to lose no time in its commencement.

Since that time, we have received letters in reply to Mr. Evarts's of Dec. 1830, in which the brethren at the Sand. Isl. state various objections to sending a mission from the Sandwich to the Washington Islands; & quite recently we have received copies of letters to the mission from your missionaries, Mr. Darling & Mr. Pritchard, dated Jan. 28th & Feb. 1, 1832, in which they object to our occupying any of the Marquesas or Washington Islands. The letters are written in excellent feeling. We have also received copy of a letter from our brethren at the Sand. Isl. addressed to the missionaries of the Society & Georgian Islands, dated April 2, 1832, in which they state such facts, in their possession, as were desirable to enable their English brethren to judge in respect to the desirableness of having an American mission established in the groupe of Islands now under consideration. They had heard of the large reinforcement then on the way, but it had not arrived. The purport of the answer to this letter, we do not know.

You have now, I believe, all the material facts in the case, so far as we are acquainted with them. For one, I shall rejoice if our brethren at the Islands conclude to wait for further Instructions from home. We have written them in such a manner by the reinforcement sent out last November, that if nothing is done before their arrival, nothing will be done till we have a perfect understanding of the subject with you. However, I should not wonder if, before this time, they have felt bound to commence the mission. I confess I feel some solicitude on the subject, because we are evidently in fault, & it is of the greatest importance that our Society & yours, & our missionaries & yours, be on terms of the most perfect good understanding. And in the present case, the importance is pre-eminently great, because, the Washington Islands not lying exactly in the track of our commerce, we should sometimes need the friendly agency of your Society & missionaries to render our mission at those islands comfortably situated.

I will add a remark or two, which will strike you as important in their bearing on this subject. The spirit of missions has made great advances in this country, within three years - so much so that we are driven to the necessity of looking about us to find new fields for missions. We can occupy the Washington Islands as easily as not almost, so far as men & money are concerned. In three or four years if the situation of the Islands should permit, we might probably be able to send as many educated missionaries to those islands as it would be desirable to send. Such is the interest excited by the prosperity of the mission at the Sand. Isl., that we greatly need other channels of benevolence in that part of the world.

Within a few days, the Com. have felt authorized to resolve upon an immediate course of measures for occupying the western & southern coasts of Patagonia (in S. America,) & perhaps this may answer our purpose. With the blessing of God, however, it is as easy to occupy both as one.

We have three men under appointment for Siam, to embark about the middle of the present year. I am not aware that any of the plans we have formed ~~for~~ in respect to southeastern Asia or the Malayan Archipelago, will interfere with those of your Society. If you perceive any danger on this score, I depend on your giving us notice. – We send out two other men as explorers, but whether they will travel on the Continent, or the islands, we do not yet know; very probably on both.

I beg leave to direct your attention to some charges against the Sand. Isl. Miss. in the Quarterly Journal of Education for Oct. 1832. They are in a letter purporting to have been written from Oahu, & more likely to come from Honolulu, than from any other ~~bank~~ part of the world. I only wonder that these charges should receive the sanction of so respectable a Society as that for diffusing useful knowledge. – I have also seen a notice somewhere of a pamphlet addressed to the British govt, greatly calumniating our mission, & calling upon the govt to take possession of the islands. The name of the author I forget, but believe he was master of some vessel that touched at the islands. – Does the British govt really mean to interfere in the govt of the Islands? Are these calumnies of our mission, and also of the native govt, designed to reconcile your good people to such a measure? I must request you not to understand me as having such an opinion, but I have been much surprised & pained by several publica-

tions of this kind on the other side of the water, - though not more so, I doubt not, than you have been. The pen which was so ably & successfully employed against the wild & wicked imaginations of Kotzebue, will doubtless add to the stock of "useful knowledge," possessed & imparted by the above named Society.

You will find a good use made of your "Vindication", &c. in some of the last number of the Spirit of the Pilgrims. The article was written by a professor in one of our Colleges.

Finally, I must ask you to excuse the hasty manner in which I am obliged to write you, & believe me to be very affectionately & truly yours,

R. A.

Rev. H. G. O. Dwight,
Constantinople.

Boston, Jan. 14, 1833.

My Dear Sir,

I avail myself of the opportunity afforded by the sailing of the Wizzard for Smyrna, to send you copies of a number of resolutions adopted by the Prudential Committee, in which you will feel a particular interest. They are the consequence of ~~particular~~ representations from Mr. Smith & yourself.

1. "Resolved,

That, with the leave of Providence, the Committee will commence a mission among the Nestorians in Persia, as soon as two suitable missionaries can be obtained.

2. "Resolved,

That the Superintendent of the Malta press be authorized to print gratuitously any books ~~in~~ in the languages of Asiatic Russia, which shall be furnished by the Rev. Mr. Dittrick, mission-

any of the Basle Mission any Society, & approved by the Superintendent, so far as shall be consistent with the other engagements of the press; & that the books so printed be distributed under the direction of Mr. Dittrick.

3. "Resolved, – That the sum of one thousand dollars be placed at the disposal of Rev. Mr. Dittrick, missionary of the Basle Missionary Society to the Armenians of Asiatic Russia, to be expended by him in the establishment & support of schools among the Armenians, in accordance with instructions to be given him by the Secretaries of the Board; – it being understood, that the Basle Miss'y Soc'y shall give its consent to Mr. Dittrick's taking this agency upon ~~the~~ him, before the money, or ~~a~~ any part of it, is paid into his hands; & that Mr. Dittrick will accept the agency, & engage to report to the Com. the manner in which the money is applied; & also that no part of the above named sum shall be employed in the erection or purchase of buildings for the schools."

You will find the general principles which will govern Mr. D. in the application of this money, stated at p. 154 of the Ann. Report of the Prud.-Com. for the past year. We shall, however, give him written instructions.

These resolutions, so far as they concern Mr. D., I beg you will lose no time in making known to him. At the same time you can state to him, that we shall immediately write to the Society at Basle; & when we receive notice that both they & he approve of the arrangement, Mr. Hill will put him in the way of receiving the money; either in quarterly, or semi annual~~t~~ instalments, as you shall advise. Or, he could receive the whole at once, should that, ~~the~~ be best. My understanding is, that the grant will be ~~represented~~ repeated another year, & perhaps

several times, in case Mr. D's reports induce the Committee to induce the Committee to believe that such grants ~~shall~~ will be as judicious, as the present one appears to be. The resolution respecting the books, is entirely independent of that appropriating money for the schools. If Mr. D. has books in the Armenian language, or any other language of the Armenians, which he desires to have printed at Malta, he need not wait to hear further from us. Mr. Temple will be authorized to furnish them.

The Com. have resolved to send ten missionaries, this year, to the Mediterranean, provided the suitable men can be obtained, & Providence permitting; - viz. 4 to Syria & Palestine, 2 to the Nestorians, 1 to Trebizond, 2 to Greece & the Greek Islands, & 1 to Smyrna; & thirty-nine to other parts of the world.

I am, &c. R. A.

To the Brethren of the Bombay Mission.

Boston, Jan. 14, 1833.

Dear Brethren,

I have just been informed that the Hoogly is on the point of sailing, so that I can write but a line or two. Absence at Andover prevented my writing last week.

Mr. Graves & wife & the little orphan boy arrived on the 11th. Mrs. G. & the little boy are in excellent health, & Mr. G's health is evidently ~~restored~~ improved, but I fear very far from being restored.

The letters which Mr. G. brought with him from you I have scarcely had time to read with the attention requisite to answer them, even if there were time. I perceive some points on which the Com. must be consulted. - In respect to your salaries, I have the fullest confidence, when the facts

are before the Com., that they will be able to determine upon what is reasonable & proper, & that they are disposed to do it. You have no occasion for anxiety on the subject. The same is true in respect to outfit, &c. &c.

The Com. have resolved upon sending four additional missionaries to your aid, whenever the suitable men can be obtained.

I hope shortly to write you more at large. Meanwhile, desiring affectionate regards, &c.

Yours, &c. R. A.

Rev. Theophs. Blumhardt,
Principal of the
Missionary College,
Basle, Switzerland,

Boston, Jan. 15, 1833.

Rev. & Dear Sir,

While our missionaries, the Rev. Eli Smith, & the Rev. H. G. O. Dwight, were detained by sickness at Shoosha, they became intimately acquainted with the Rev. Mr. Dittrick, a missionary of your Society, & deeply interested in his character & labors. To him, & his brethren, indeed, they became much indebted for their hospitality & kindness, which were such as to adorn their profession.

The inquiries of Messrs. Smith & Dwight made it doubtful in their minds, - as they do in the minds of our Committee, - whether the American churches should at present send missionaries to the Armenians of Asiatic Russia. At the same time their number & necessities are so great that we are anxious to do something for their spiritual ~~death~~ benefit; & the inquiry has arisen whether Mr. Dittrick (with whom we have become so well acquainted,) might not to

some extent, act as our Almoner, & yet retain his connection with your Society. You will better understand the case, when you have read the resolutions on the subject which are as follows:

"Resolved – That the Superintendent of the Malta press be authorized to print gratuitously any books in the languages of the Armenians of Asiatic Russia, which shall be furnished by the Rev. Mr. Dittrick, Missionary of the Basle Missionary Society, & approved by the Superintendent, so far as shall be consistent with the other engagements of the press; & that the books, so printed, be distributed under the direction of Mr. Dittrick.

"Resolved – That the sum of One Thousand Dollars be placed at the disposal of Rev. Mr. Dittrick, Missionary of the Basle Missionary Society to the Armenians of Asiatic Russia, to be expended by him in the establishment & support of schools among the Armenians, in accordance with Instructions to be given him by the Secretaries of the Board; – it being understood, that the Basle Society shall give its consent to Mr. D's taking this agency upon him, before the money, or any part of it, is paid into his hands; & that Mr. D. will accept the agency, & engage to report to the Committee the manner in which the money is applied; & also that no part of the above-named sum shall be employed in the erection or purchase of buildings for the schools."

The first resolution is wholly independent of the second. We will print gratuitously for Mr. D. any books in the languages of the Armenians, which he & the Superintendent of our press shall approve of, & which Mr. D.

will distribute, whether the second resolution is carried into effect or not.

It is not desired by our Board, that Mr. D. should leave the service of your Society, & become our Missionary. He informed Messrs. Smith & Dwight that your Society was unable to furnish them with the funds they needed for the establishment & support of schools; & our aim is to increase their means of doing good to the Armenians in this department, without changing their relations to your Society, & without making any of them directly responsible to our Board, except Mr. D., & him only in respect to the use of the particular grants made to him.

The purport of the Instructions, under which he would be required to expend the grant would be, that every School established & supported by it should exert a decidedly religious influence on the minds of the pupils; that is, that the books employed in the schools should instruct in religion, as well as in the rudiments other Science.

Should the reports of Mr. D. be favorable, & satisfactory to the Board, our grants would probably be repeated. We hope, also, to have missionaries of our own, very soon, at Erzerroum, & among the Nestorians of Oormiah in Persia.

We have requested Mr. Dwight, now at Constantinople, to transmit a copy of these resolutions to Mr. Dittrick, but shall do nothing farther, in respect to the second resolution, till we hear from your Society, & know that is acceptable to them.

I have written to you, Dear Sir, as a well-known friend of the cause & of our Board; - not knowing who is the Secretary of your Society. You will of

course have the kindness to communicate this letter to him. — With this I forward you a couple of our last Reports.

I am, &c. R. A.

Rev. Allen Graves,
Boston, Mass.

Boston, Jan. 17, 1833.

My Dear Brother,

The Prudential Committee at their meeting on Tuesday evening, while they regretted the necessity of your & Mrs. Graves's return to this country, were cordial in adopting the following resolution: - viz.

"Whereas, the Rev. Allen Graves & wife, of the Bombay Mission, in consequence of the failure of ~~their~~ health of Mr. Graves, have returned to this country, with the advice of respectable physicians at Bombay, & the full concurrence and recommendation of his brethren of the Mission; —

Resolved, —

That the Committee approve of the return of Mr. & Mrs. Graves to this country in pursuit of health, & that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the expense of their passage, & to make such appropriations as may be necessary for them until farther arrangements shall be made by the Committee."

I trust, Dear Brother, that you will be free in making us acquainted with your necessities, that we may the better be able to supply them.

Praying that you may be speedily restored to health, if such be the will of our Heavenly Father,

I remain, &c. R. A.

Capt. Benj. Morrell, jr.
New York.

Boston, Jan. 17, 1833.

Dear Sir,

In the interesting narrative of your voyages lately published, you recommend the establishment of a mission in the neighbourhood of the Peninsula de Tres Montes, on the western coast of Patagonia.

The Board of Foreign Missions, in behalf of which I now write you, is the one which established & sustains the mission at the Sandwich Islands; & we are induced by your statements to resolve upon measures towards the establishment of a mission somewhere on the western coast of Patagonia. We need, however more particular information than is found in your work, but which you no doubt are able to give. Allow me, then, dear Sir, to make the following inquiries.

1. What is the probable number of native inhabitants, to which missionaries might have access, if stationed at the Three Mountains?

2. What other positions on that coast would afford advantageous sites for missions? What number of natives might be approached by each?

3. Would you recommend the establishment of a mission on the shore of the extensive lagoon, which you visited near & within the western entrance of the Straits of Magellan?

4. Would the Spanish states of South America be likely to disturb an American mission situated anywhere on the western or southern shore of Patagonia?

5. Would missionaries be safe, if landed among the natives anywhere along the coast?

6. Suppose two unmarried missionaries were to be landed, say next fall, among the Indians

of Tres Montes, what should they take with them for their assistant & comfort among the natives?

7. What is the most proper season for missionaries to be sent to that part of the world; & from whence do the vessels sail, & of what description are they, which would be most likely to take missionaries to the Tres Montes?

8. How could we get missionaries to any other parts of the coast, & to the Indians you visited in the straits?

9. To what islands in the South Pacific, if to any, could an American missionary society send missionaries, with the certainty of furnishing them with the proper support?

10. Could we establish a mission advantageously in any part of the western coast of Africa, which you have visited? If so, please give us such information as you think would be useful.

I make no apology for proposing these inquiries because I have no doubt that you will be disposed to do anything in your power to aid in publishing our holy religion in any of the heathen parts of the earth.

Mr. Geo. M. Tracy, our Agent in New-York, at 148 Nassau Street, will be requested to send you a copy of our last Report, that you may see what we are attempting, with the divine aid, to do. In the M. Herald for February, we have taken the liberty to quote a passage or two from your work in answer to a very illiberal attack upon our Sandwich Islands mission.

I am, &c.

R. A.

Sir Alex. Johnstone,
19 Great Cumberland Place,
London.

Boston, Jan. 23, 1833.

Dear Sir,

In transmitting a copy of a resolution you did us the honor to move at the Annual meeting of the Subscribers to the Oriental Translation Fund of Great Britain & Ireland, Mr. Vaill, our Chargé de Affaires, was so kind as to forward also a copy of the letter from ~~himself~~ yourself, which enclosed the resolution to him. These documents having been laid before the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, I am instructed to communicate the following resolutions in return, viz.

"Resolved,

That the Prudential Committee recognize with gratitude the honorable notice of the Board taken by Sir Alexander Johnstone at the last Annual meeting of the Subscribers to the Oriental Translation Fund of Great Britain & Ireland; as well as his favorable opinion of the Ceylon Mission, & his lively interest in its welfare, expressed in a letter to A. Vaill, Esq. dated Sep. 22d, 1832; and that he be assured that the important aid rendered by him to the mission of the Board in Ceylon, while residing in that island, is thankfully remembered by the patrons of the mission in this country.

"Resolved,

That the Secretaries submit to the Board, at its next annual meeting, the Resolution of the Subscribers to the Oriental Translation Fund of Great Britain & Ireland at their last anniversary; together with the letters of Sir Alexander Johnstone & A. Vaill, Esq."

The next annual meeting of our Board will

be held in Philadelphia in September. Meanwhile I beg your acceptance of a copy of our last annual Report (the Twenty-third,) which I send for you to the care of the Rev. William Ellis, Foreign Secretary of the London Missionary Society, Austin Friars, London. In that document you will learn the present state of our operations in different parts of the world.

A fact, however, which has afforded us the greatest pleasure, is not mentioned in the Report. It is, that Sir Robert Wilmot Horton, the governor of Ceylon, has been pleased to grant permission for new missionaries to come from America, until reference can be made to England on the subject; & has also promised to write in favor of the mission to his Majesty's Secretary of State, requesting an official removal of the restrictions which, for so many years, have prevented the enlargement of our operations in Ceylon. Such an event we confidently anticipated whenever the character of our mission should become fully understood by the government; & we are grateful to the enlightened friends who have taken so much pains to collect & diffuse correct information on the subject.

Iam, &c. R. A.

A. Vail, Esq.,
Am. Chargé d'Affaires,
304 Regent Street,
London.

Boston, Jan. 23, 1833.

Dear Sir,

The documents you were so good as to forward to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions through the hands of Mr. Silsbee of Salem, have been received, &

laid before our Prudential Committee, & I am instructed to communicate to you the following Resolutions of the Committee: viz.

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"Resolved,

That the Prudential Committee gratefully acknowledge the kind offices of A. Vail, Esq. American Chargé d'Affaires at London, towards the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, at the late Annual Meeting of the Subscribers to the Oriental Translation Fund of Great Britain & Ireland.

"Resolved,

That the Secretaries submit to the Board, at its next annual meeting, the resolution of the Subscribers to the Oriental Translation Fund of Great Britain & Ireland, together with the letters of Sir Alex. Johnstone & A. Vail, Esq."

The first & last of these Resolutions I have communicated to Sir Alexander, in the enclosed letter, which I beg you will have the goodness to transmit.

I have also taken the liberty to send copies

of our last Annual Report (the 23d) for yourself & Sir Alexander, to the care of the Rev. William Ellis, Foreign Secretary, at the Mission House, No. 26, Austin Friars, Old Broad Street, London. From that document you will learn the present state of our operations in different parts of the world.

Yours, &c. R. A.

Missionary Rooms Boston Jan. 24. 1833

Doct. Dan'l B. Bradley,
New York, City

My Dear Sir

I take time just to inform you, that the committee have considered it your duty to go to southeastern Asia, & have accordingly appointed you to that mission. In the term southeastern Asia, as here used, we embrace not only the southeastern part of Asia, but the numerous Islands in the neighborhood. We cannot now tell whether you will be stationed on the Continent, or some one of the Islands.

I presume you will be called upon to embark some time next summer, in case you can be ready. Let your preparation, however, be judiciously made, even if you remain till the autumn. Indeed it may be well for you to remain till the autumn, in order that you may obtain a more practical knowledge of the Medical art, & also some acquaintance with theology. Is there not some town, where you could, at the same time, avail yourself of the assistance of a skillful physician, & of a good divine & pastor, such a divine & pastor as would suit the views of Mr. Bradley?

You will of course, defer entering the marriage relation till you are on the point of embarking for

; nor need you give yourself any trouble about your outfit till that time.

Aim My dear Sir to be as thoroughly prepared as possible, in health, mind & spirit, for your great work, I am Ry. C. R Anderson

Revd Wm Goodell
Constantinople

Missionary Rooms Boston Jany 24 1833

My Dear Brother

We have recd the following communications from Constantinople since I last wrote you; viz Your letters of August 2d & Oct 1 & Journal from Feby 8 to May 12 & Part I of Tour to Brusa. The journal of Mr Todd has also come to hand. — The last letters from Mr Dwight were answered Decr 3d; I have written him since that time however in reference to Mr Dittrich's case. From Mr Schauffler not a single letter has been received since he entered Turkey, but several are doubtless on the way. The Committee have resolved on breaking up the Printing establishment at Malta, and sending the Arabic part with George or William as printer, to Syria; & the rest to Smyrna. Mr Smith will have charge of the press in Syria; & Mr Temple & Mr Hallock & probably Caratat & Polrokokino will go to Smyrna; Smyrna is thought by the Committee to be preferable on the whole to Constantinople for the press. At Smyrna it will be accessible to all of you residing at the Capital. — Have you ever taken the necessary steps to obtain the cost of printing your Testament from the British & Foreign Bible Society? If not I hope you will do it soon. What work has Caratat had to do? I suppose that he & Mr Temple have no language in common. On the first day of the year I selected a number of little books for your children, as new year presents I hope they may be acceptable.

I send also the Boston Daily Advertiser containing Sir Alexander Johnstons Letter on the Ceylon Mission, &c the documents may be edifying to some of your English Friends —

We are well, & desire affectionate regards to your friends & I am as ever very truly Yours, R Anderson

Rev Isaac Bird
Beyroot

Missionary Rooms Boston Jan 24 1833

My Dear Brother

We rec^d Mr Jod's journal on the 15th ultto, & the greater part of it is now on the wing through our land. His enterprise was certainly a very bold one & it seems not easy to predict the consequences. We hear through Mr Temple, that Mr Jod had gone to Damascus & was circulating the Scriptures in that city. Our Committee have finally resolved on breaking up the printing establishment at Malta & sending the Arabic part of it to Syria. Perhaps George or William will go with with this part as printer & Mr Smith, we hope will be along before many months to take the charge of the whole. It will come to Beyroot regularly invoiced as Merchandise & will probably be allowed to pass through the Custom house as such (for such it will be in the eye of the law) without any demur. But if objection is made you must be prepared to make such representations to the government as Mr Abbott & Mr Farrer shall advise to; remembering how important it is to the spiritual regeneration of Turkey that the press be allowed to operate freely within the bounds of the Empire. If permitted to enter, it may by & bye be set up without parade and at first care should be used that the books printed be not of an inflamatory nature. School books, or extracts from the Scriptures might be the most suitable, but of this, those on the ground will be best able to judge. Mr Smith proposes to acquire some knowledge of the Lithographic art. His requests in relation to the press you expect to receive, I beg you will comply with as early as may be. Our Committee are fully of opinion that the press should be near the scene of action, than Malta is even at considerable risk; — Mr Temple & the residue of the Malta establishment will go to Smyrna. On the first day of the year I selected a number of books for New Years presents to your Children. Please make them understand this, I hope they will read the books with advantage.— Mr Whitney's letter of Aug 6 was rec^d on the 11th inst, I believe the books he asks for have been all or nearly all sent already. I will examine & see.—

We are all well & desire to be remembered to your family & associates, the number of which will I trust be increased before this reaches you by the safe arrival of Messrs Thomson & Dodge

their partners. I am Dear Brother as ever
very truly Yours R Anderson

Revd Edward Robinson DD } Missionary Rooms Boston Jany 30 1833
Andover Mass^ts } My Dear Sir

Mr Schauffler requests us to procure Hebrew & Spanish Rabbinic types for our press at Malta, but no letter has yet been received from him containing specific directions on the subject. Be so good as to inform me. 1st What kind of Hebrew type would be most suitable; — I mean of what size. 2d How large a fount. 3d When best procured. 4 Where the Spanish Rabbinic can be obtained & how large the fount ought probably to be. If you have no means of knowing with certainty please hazard a conjecture. Mr Schauffler says the German Rabbinic will not answer his purpose. The type is needed for printing tracts & other works of smaller size. Can the Hebrew type be manufactured in this country? I shall be grateful for any other suggestions you may deem important & am
very Respectfully & affectionately Yours
R Anderson

Mr Justin Perkins } Missionary Rooms Boston Jany 30 1833
Amherst Mass^ts } My Dear Sir

The prudential Committee have appointed you to the contemplated mission Nestorians, with the expectation, should you accept this appointment that you will embark for Constantinople next Autumn. It is desirable as we have already informed you, that you should be accompanied in this mission by a well educated physician. You will of course be on the look out for such a man, who shall be in all other respects acceptable to you as a companion; & should you hear of one, will be so good as to give us speedy & particular information concerning him. In case a physician cannot be found of the right character, & Mr Merrick is favorably disposed towards this mission, it might then be desirable for one of you to attend six months to the study of medicine while the other is acquiring the language at Constantinople. At any rate we shall probably learn the will of God in this matter before the Autumn, & can arrange our plans accordingly. Any suggestions you deem important we shall be happy to

receive; also to reply to any inquiries. The free conversations we have had on this subject, supercede the necessity of saying any more at present, except that I am very Respectfully & truly yours in the Gospel of the Lord R Anderson Sec'y of the A B C F M

Mr J Leighton Wilson } Missionary Rooms Boston Jany 30 1833
Columbia S C } My Dear Sir

I am happy to welcome you into my department of the correspondence of the Board, & hope & pray that our future intercourse may be mutually beneficial, & greatly useful to the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ & to poor bleeding benighted Africa. It will be desirable to find two or three associates for you in the Mission, & very important that you have one – a man of the right stamp, brought up in a climate like your own. If he possesses a knowledge of the healing art, it will be well. Our Committee would be glad to send four missionaries to W Africa next Autumn, if can the suitable men for the service can be obtained. You will do well to look around you & enquire if the Holy Spirit is not stirring with some of the clerical men in the South, urging them upon this important enterprise. We have our eye upon the expedition now making by one of the Landers up the Niger, & I am in the point of writing to Mr Hodgson of Liverpool to obtain some information respecting the views of the commercial company lately formed in that place; &c &c. He is a good & well known friend of ours. — If you cannot go directly up the Niger, it will be necessary to go first to Liberia & there determine what step to take next. Any inquiries or suggestions you have to make we shall be glad to receive. I beg you will write with the greatest freedom, nor let us, nor the public, henceforth lose sight of Africa. Especially inform us if you know of any suitable candidate for this mission. I am my Dear Sir very truly Yours in the Gospel

R Anderson Sec'y of the A B C F M

Rev Allen Graves } Missionary Rooms Boston Jany 31 1833
Boston } My Dear Brother

The Prudential Committee at their last meeting passed the following resolutions viz "Resolved, That the Rev Allen Graves now in this country for the benefit of his health be requested to employ himself, so far as may be consistent with the object of his return from Bombay, in revising the Mahratta version of the Scriptures

with reference to an edition to be printed at the expense of the American Bible Society" — I have already informed you in conversation that we are anxious for information to enable us to write to the American Bible Society in such a manner as to secure the grant of $5000 voted to the Bombay mission by that Society some time since. Such information I beg you will have the goodness to communicate in writing, though you can do it with as much brevity as you please. We should like to know. 1. What portion of the Scriptures has been translated by members of the American mission at Bombay. 2. What portion has been printed & how many copies. 3. What portion in your judgement is in readiness for publication & republication. 4. What concert there should be with the Auxiliary Bible Society of Bombay in expending the funds granted by the American Bible Society. 5. What is the probable number of persons able to read the Scriptures in the Mahratta language. 6. How many translations have been made by the nations. 7. To what extent our missions would be able to distribute the Scriptures to good advantage, if they had a large number of copies. 9. To what extent it is desirable for the American Bible Society to make grants annually to the Bombay mission supposing the number of Missionaries to be six or eight.
Any other important information on the subject will be welcome.
I am Dear Brother with sincere regard to Mrs Greene very affect y

Yours R Anderson

Mr Hall
Principal of the Academy at Andover

Missionary Room Boston Feb 5 1833
My Dear Sir

Circumstances over which I have had no control, have prevented my writing you till this day, & I must now be brief or defer writing still longer. In case your Society shall enter a foreign field, occupied by any missionary society, it should be, I conceive, to effect in the education of the people, what cannot properly be done by a missionary society. The object of a missionary society is essentially religious. All its plans & efforts must have decidedly a religious bearing. This admits however, of an immense scope for them in respect to education, considering the profound ignorance of the heathen world & the number to be taught. Missionary Societies may teach the world to read, & must do so, to accomplish their object. They must teach writing & the elementary principles

of Arithmetic, geography, history &c in all their schools. They may establish high schools for the education of teachers, & so may elevate the standard of education in their schools. They may send teachers from this country to a certain extent, & the best they can obtain. In respect to these objects, every foreign missionary society is merely a school society. But there is a limit, perhaps not perfectly desirable, beyond which missionary societies cannot properly go; & that is in furnishing what may be termed the apparatus of education in distinction from the teachers. We have a sample, perhaps an erroneous one, about expending large sums upon philosophical apparatus such for instance as Mr Holbrook has prepared; & yet such apparatus, after a certain amount of instruction, would be an important means of expanding the minds of the more intelligent pupils in our Missionary schools. We can print a compend of history, but should doubt the propriety of enriching the language of the Sandwich Islands at the expense of the Board with a political history of the United States or of England. We can print a compendium of Arithmetic, or grammar, or geography, or of almost any other science; but should hesitate to publish at the expense of the Board, a considerable volume on these sciences. But how important that such works be introduced into the language, & before the islanders themselves can do it! Your society or some other kindred institution, must take this work in hand, & that too before long. I wish your committee would consider the subject. Any information I can give to facilitate the operations of the society, will be readily given, & I am my Dear Sir

Very Respectfully & truly yours R Anderson

Rev Samuel Hutchings
Medfield Mass

Missionary Rooms Boston Feb 5 1833

My Dear Sir

Mr Hill has made inquiries of the owner of the Monmouth as to the probability of her returning again to Ceylon after completing her present voyage. The owner says she is expected to arrive in Boston in July, & that if the prospects are favorable she will return again to Ceylon. He says the probabilities for & against such a voyage are about equally balanced. Our present belief is, that the Monmouth will be sent again to Ceylon next summer

& we can hear of no other opportunity so promising as this, for yourself & Mr Apthorp. What should you think of engaging in an agency for the Board in the Spring? I propose this inquiry only on supposition that you are detained. I am aware that so much suspense is unpleasant, but it is an evil to which your brethren before you have generally been subject & in most cases it is wholly unavoidable. Desiring kindest regards to Mrs Hutchings, I am my Dear Sir very truly yours

R Anderson

Frederick W Porter Esqr
Philadelphia

Missionary Rooms Boston Feb 7 1833

My Dear Sir

Your favor of the 30th ultto was duly recd. We had one work the Alphabetarion, reprinted at Andover, under the united superintendance, of Prof. Robinson, Mr Schauffler, and Mr Riggs — the two latter now in the Mediterranean. I presume the reprint was accurate, but the expense was greater than it would have been at Malta, though I am unable to say how much, & we should not repeat the experiment as long as we have a press in the Mediterranean. Greek books (I mean modern Greek) can be printed at Andover, New York, and I presume also in Philadelphia, if you can obtain a person to correct the proofs, who is acquainted with the language and accustomed to correct the press in the Greek language. But I know of no person in the United States whom I would employ to translate a book into modern Greek for common distribution among the Greeks: not even a Greek. If you wish to stereotype a work in this country, you had better have it translated in Greece under the eye of Mr Robinson. There have an edition printed, and a revised printed copy sent home, & stereotyped with the best correction you can procure. A letter sent to Greece at this season would not bring you an answer, probably under eight months; but if sent by vessels which go for fruit in the summer, it might in six. A letter from Athens to this country will be from two to three months on the way, if it meets with no detention at Smyrna. I should advise the friend who is desirous of doing a favor to Greece, to take the surest and safest, rather than the shortest way, & am my dear Sir very truly yours R Anderson

Rev Joseph Hulbert } Missionary Rooms Boston Feb 7 1833
New London Conn } My Dear Sir

I thank you for the information contained in yours of the 4th inst. We also rec a few lines from Mr Smith. They have the prospect of a very pleasant voyage. I hardly know what to say to the proposal of the maternal association, as it is the first question of the kind proposed to us. There is no manner of doubt as to what the children of faithful missionaries (& such are the brethren in Ceylon) are entitled to; they must be provided for in the same way: but the manner of doing this, is not, in all respects, quite obvious. If we had only one mission, or had the prospect of only a few missions, & missionaries, & missionary children, the case would not be difficult. But if the work goes on as it ought to, the number of children will soon to rise to hundreds; & whatever the Board does, or advises to do for one, it must do & advise to do for all in like circumstances. For some of the principles which govern the Committee in relation to the children of missionaries, I refer you to pp. 147, 148 of the last Report, sections 9–14. On the whole I should say, that whatever is done for the children of the Ceylon missionaries, by the Ladies in New London, had better be done after correspondence with their family friends, or guardians through them & not through the Treasury of the Board. In all probability it will amount to nearly the same thing in respect to the cause of Missions. Desiring to be affectly remembered to Mrs H & the several members of the family, I am very truly Yours

R Anderson

Professor Cleaveland } Missionary Rooms Boston Feb 7 1833
Bowdoin College, Brunswick } The Prudential Committee have thought it desirable that several of the missionaries sent to the countries of South eastern Asia, should go with some knowledge of the medical art, as it is believed that their usefulness will thereby be increased. They would therefore respectfully ask of yourself and your associates in the medical school, the favor of a gratuitous attendance upon the Lectures, for the Revs Messrs Samuel Munson, Henry Lyman

Ira Tracy & Stephen Johnson, Missionaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign missions, who are all expecting to embark for South eastern Asia early in the next Summer — We are Dear Sir very Respectfully Yours

R Anderson
David Greene } Secretaries

Rev. Henry R Hoisington
Aurora Cayuga County NY

Missionary Rooms Boston Feb 8 1833

My Dear Sir

Your favor of the 4th inst I am very happy to receive. I have written to Dr Richards for a testimonial concerning yourself, and also concerning Mrs H, in case he is able to speak also of her. Our rules require testimonials concerning all persons sent forth to the heathen. I see no reason why the Committee, should not appoint you, as soon as they receive the necessary documents; nor why it should not be your duty to go. We greatly need more missionaries, & we need more for Ceylon. As Dr Richards may not be personally acquainted with Mrs H., I beg you will request some judicious friends who know her to write to us concerning her qualifications for the service. Praying the Lord to guide you both by his Spirit I am very truly Yours R Anderson

P.S. Should you go, you will need to be in readiness by June or July of the next summer, as nearly as we can now form a judgment. —

Rev. Samuel Hutchings
Medfield Mass^ts

Missionary Rooms Boston Feb 8 1833

My Dear Sir

We have to day rec^d a letter from Mr Hoisington, which leads me to hope he will probably think it his duty to become a missionary to Ceylon, if appointed. I have written to Dr Richards of Auburn for a testimonial concerning him. I wish you also to write your views of his qualifications for the mission. Be particular also in giving your own & Mrs Hutchings opinion of Mrs Hoisington, as a candidate for such a mission. Desiring an affectionate remembrance to Mrs H I am very truly Yours

R Anderson

Rev Dr Richards, Auburn NY } Missionary Rooms Boston Feby 8 1833

Dear Sir

We have reason to think that the Rev Henry R Haisington, of Aurora, Cayuga County, would be disposed to go as a missionary to Ceylon. As we very much need more missionaries in that island, I will thank you and your respected colleagues in the Seminary to communicate your views of Mr Haisington's qualifications for this service. If you know any thing respecting his wife, be so good as to speak of her also. A speedy answer to this will very much oblige us.

I am Revd & Dear Sir, very Respectfully & truly Yours R Anderson

P.S. It is desirable that the candidates for missionary employment in the senior class should communicate with us soon. We are in want of more missionaries. —

Mr Wm Arms, Theology Sem'y Andover } Missionary Rooms Boston Feb 8 1833

My Dear Sir

The Prudential Committee at their last meeting appointed you to the Mission contemplated on the Western coast of Patagonia. It is expected that you will have a brother associate, and if there is any one you would be happy to have for a companion, I will thank you to inform me. It is impossible to say precisely when you will embark. I can only say, as soon after your course at Andover is completed as a favorable opportunity occurs. Meanwhile we shall be making enquiries. I addressed a letter of enquiry to Capt Merrill & send you enclosed all the material parts of his letter. After all it will be in this case as it has been in most others we shall have to obtain the principal part of our information respecting the country by means of our own messengers. You will find yourself without many of the comforts of life but in very little danger of your lives so far as yet appears. At any rate there is no doubt but we ought to attempt a mission on that coast, and it is equally evident that you are one of the men indicated by divine Providence for this service. It is expected that you will be absent about 3 years. May you be thoroughly furnished by the Spirit of all grace for this and a life of self denying

& responsible service. Please write your views and wishes, & believe me to be very truly yours R Anderson

Revd Messrs Goodell & Dwight, Constantinople

Missionary Room, Boston Feb 11 1833

Dear Brethren

Your letter of Nov 9/32 on the sending of American youth to this country for education, has been laid before the Committee & duly considered. The question proposed in the letter has been regarded, for some time, in the Committee, as settled, unfavorably to the further prosecution of that species of religious charity. The case of the young man who was the immediate occasion of your writing, was the most favorable one, perhaps, that could come before them, but they thought it not best, on the whole, to authorize his coming to this country at the expense of the Board; nor do we know of any individuals who would be disposed to take him under their patronage, as Mr Wilder did Paspati. The fact is, that that mode of doing good is less popular than it once was, it being generally understood by our more intelligent patrons that a great majority of the foreign youth who have been educated by charity have disappointed the hopes of their patrons. While this is the case, we cannot urge the subject upon the consideration of our friends & they will not be persuaded. It only remains that you make the most of such promising characters in their own country, by giving them employment which will be improving to them, provided at the same time it will be so useful to the cause as to render the expenditure every way advisable. Your letters on the removal of the press from Malta to Constantinople were also read to the Committee at the last meeting. They had previously resolved on dividing the Malta establishment, & removing part of it to Syria, & the residue to Smyrna. The reasons which led to this resolution were very satisfactory to the Committee. If we cannot establish a press within the limits of the Turkish empire, it will very much affect the question, how extensive our future operations will be in that empire. The Committee believe, therefore, that it is time to run some risk in order to determine so important a point. It is carrying on the work at an immense disadvantage, to have so important an instrument so remote

from the proper sphere of its action, & from those who must have the principal agency in keeping it employed. Missionaries will write very little, comparatively speaking, for a press that is a thousand miles off. If a judicious effort to introduce the press into the Turkish Empire fails, a very important fact will be known, one that is worth the experiment; if it succeeds, a very material advantage is gained. Your objections apply especially to Constantinople, & probably that is the best place at which the trial should be made. The two places contemplated by the Committee are Smyrna & Beyroot. — Mr Goodell does not quite understand my request for a list of the Mission Library. By Mission Library, I mean all the books in the mission, not belonging to your private libraries. If you have not made a distinction between books belonging to yourselves as your private property, & those belonging to the Board you had better do it; those not belong to yourselves, belonging to the Board, & compose the Mission Library, for the use of the members of your particular mission. For then you should have a Librarian, who shall have a list of the Books & know where they are, & see that they are disposed of according to some plain & equitable rules satisfactory to yourselves. — We are aiming to get every part of our extended & extending system of operations into as much system as the nature of the case will permit. I am much pleased with Mr Goodell's second part of his journey to Brusa (Broosa?) It is drawn up in a very satisfactory manner. We must have a mission in that city, the Head of the Church permitting us. — Mr Justin Perkins now Tutor in Amherst College, has been appointed to the Nestorian mission, to proceed to Constantinople, next Autumn. I wrote Mr Dwight on the 14th ult to on the case of Mr Dittrich & think I shall send him a duplicate of the letter by this conveyance. — Please say to Mr Schauffler that we have rec his letter of Nov 9/32, & the latter part of his journal across the continent of Europe. We are anxiously expecting the former part & also his letter concerning the Hebrew & Rabbinic types. We are wholly at a loss as to the best manner of procuring those types, especially the latter & must wait for his letter. Prof Robinson has been written to, & can give no information. If you do not receive

the letter soon, we shall probably put matters in train for the Hebrew type. With love to all I am very affectionately Yours R Anderson

Rev Jonas King } Missionary Room Boston Feby 11 1833
Athens, Greece } My Dear Brother

I wrote you sometime in Decr since then we have recd your letters bearing date of Septr 11 Septr 18 & Octr 1; & your Journal from June 1st to Augt 15. I really sympathize very deeply in your trials, & at the same time wonder greatly, ~~& at the same time wonder greatly~~ at the nature of some of them. I trust that experience & the grace of God will yet teach Mr H. a more excellent way of advancing the good cause, than that he has heretofore pursued. The course you have pursued seems about right, & may you still be enabled in patience to possess your soul. If I have the right view of Professor Bamba's character, his labors ought to be secured at any reasonable price. He can do more for us than any Foreign missionary acting in concert with yourself & Mr Riggs. In case he is with you, I beg you will present to him my Christian salutations. Having him in connection with you, you will of course remember our Pup at Malta. Are you able to secure all the religious influence proper in your grammar school?
Preparatory to our next Report, I wish you would have the goodness to draw out a particular statement respecting your Schools, your plans, your expectations & your desires; giving your views as to what the American churches should attempt for Greece, & its islands — for Samos, — for Candia for Cyprus — for Negropont, — &c &c. I beg of you do this as soon as may be after receiving this letter. Where is Dr Koch? When you see or write to him, please give him my brotherly regards. Affectionate regards also to Mr & Mrs Riggs, to Mr Robinson, Mr Hill & their wives; & to your beloved partner, & believe me most truly Yours R Anderson
We send Reports per Messrs R & Hill.

Rev Daniel Temple } Missionary Room Boston Feb 12 1833
Malta } My Dear Brother

Although I know of no

vessel bound to Malta, I will prepare a letter containing certain resolutions of the Committee, with the hope of its being on the way to you before long.

1. "Resolved – That, with the leave of Providence, the Committee will commence a mission among the Nestorians in Persia, as soon as two suitable missionaries can be obtained." Mr Justin Perkins now Tutor in Amherst college, has been appointed to this mission with the expectation that he will proceed to Constantinople next Autumn. 2. "Resolved, that it is advisable for the Board, with the leave of Providence, to send forth missionaries during the present year, to the countries & in the proportion following, provided such able men can be obtained; viz.

To Bombay	4	
To Ceylon	3	
To Southeastern Asia:–		
To Siam	3	
To China	1	
as explorers in the Continent & Islands	4	
For new stations	8	16
To the Mediterranean:		
To the Nestorians	2	
To Tribes and	1	
To Cyprus	2	
To Samos	1	
To Candia	2	
To Nepaul	1	
To Smyrna	1	10
To Western Africa		4
To W Coast Patagonia S A		2
To Indians of N America:		
On lake Superior	2	
upper Mississippi	2	
upper Missouri	2	
Arkansas & Choctaws	2	
Ark.s Cherokees & Creeks	2	10
Total		49

2 3. Resolved – That the Superintendant of the Malta press be authorized to print, gratuitously any books in the language of Asiatic Russia, which shall be furnished by the Rev Mr Dittrick, missionary of the Basle missionary society, and approved by the Superintendant, so far as shall be consistent with the other engagements of the press; and that the books so printed be distributed under the direction of Mr Dittrich.

3 4. Resolved – That the sum of one thousand dollars be placed at the disposal of the Rev Mr Dittrich, missionary of the Basle missionary society to the Armenians of Asiatic Russia, to be expended by him in the establishment and support of schools among the Armenians, in accordance with instructions to be given him by the Secretaries of the Board; – it being understood, that the Basle missionary society, shall give its consent to Mr Dittrich's taking this agency upon him, before the money, or any part of it, is paid into his hands; & that Mr Dittrich will accept the agency, & engage to report to the Committee the manner in

which the money is applied; & also that no part of the above named sum shall be employed in the erection or purchase of buildings for the schools." The resolution authorizing you to print books for Mr Dittrich is wholly independent of the other; & there will be no need of waiting to hear from the Bank Society, before you commence printing books for him. The Committee have no thought of making Mr Dittrich a missionary of the Board, but deem it a happy event if so good an author & distributor of books can be obtained, as an auxiliary to the press.

"5." Resolved — That it is expedient, as soon as may be, to divide the printing establishment of Malta, & remove the Arabic department to Syria, & the residue to Smyrna; — the former to be placed under the superintendance of the Rev Mr Smith, with authority to employ one of the journeymen of the establishment as foreman of the printing office; & the latter to be under the superintendance of the Rev. Mr. Temple, assisted by Mr Hallock as printer.

"6." Resolved — That Mr Temple be authorized to make a contract with bishop Carabet & Nicholas Petrobokino to accompany him to Smyrna as translators & correctors of the press, provided he can do so on terms which he believes will be advantageous to the cause".

These last resolutions concerning the removal of the press, were adopted before the arrival of Mr & Goodell & Dwight's letters on the subject; but those letters have since been read to the Committee, & were not believed materially to affect the case. The reasons which led to the resolutions to divide & remove the establishment into the Turkish empire, were very satisfactory to the Committee. In general they are so well known to you, that I need not go into particulars. I would remark, however, that if we cannot establish a press in the Turkish empire, it will very much affect the question, how extensive our future operations will be in that empire. The Committee believe the time to have arrived, when it is worth while to run some risk to determine so important a point. It is carrying on the work at an immense disadvantage, when there is so much work to be done, to have so important an instrument so remote from the proper sphere of its action, & from the great body of those who must keep it employed.

Missionaries will write very little, comparatively speaking, for a press that is a thousand miles off. If a judicious effort to introduce the press into the Turkish empire fails, a very important fact will be known, one that is worth the experiment; if it succeeds, a very material advantage is gained. Mr Dwight has taken a less impartial view of the subject than Mr Goodell, & after all their objections apply much more to Constantinople, than to any place elsewhere.

At any rate the Committee appear to be fully satisfied that the experiment ought to be made.

You will of course make as good a division, with Mr Hallock's aid, of the office furniture, as you can; & when it is made, inform us what additional furniture, types &c ought to be sent for Syria, & what for Smyrna. The part for Syria had better be sent immediately, before that country has become fully settled as to its government. George or William could go with it, & it could be consigned by yourself or Mr Eynard to Mr Bird, & pass through the Custom House at Beyroot like any other article. — With regard to the time when you shall remove to Smyrna, there are several considerations in favor of its being soon. (1.) We, as a nation, are in high favor with the Turkish government now, as we probably ever shall be, & our missionary efforts are no doubt looked upon with more favor than they will be, when the impression we make upon the people of those countries is greater. Just at this moment, I suppose Mr Goodell's schools are favored by some of the chief men in power. (2.) It will be desirable that the two establishments enter the empire at about the same time. (3.) There is some probability that the Episcopal press will be removed from Greece to Smyrna. As ours is the large establishment it will be desirable that ours be introduced first. (4.) It would be well to be in readiness for vigorous action in the Autumn, in as much as Mr Schauffler has Hebrew printing he will wish to have executed by that time, & Mr Dittrich's books will then be ready, as there can be but little doubt. —

Against removing before the Autumn, I think of but one reason. It may be less favorable to health to be in Smyrna in the

summer, than at Malta. How this is, in fact, I hard by know. You will of course give it a proper weight.
The Committee have for some time thought it desirable to have a missionary at Smyrna, & in making out the estimate found on the first page, (which was adopted before the removal of the Pres. came up) they put down one missionary for Smyrna. If you go, they will not think it necessary to send another there during the present year. I am aware that Mr Brewer's feelings towards the Board are such, that you will feel some repugnance towards the removal to Smyrna on that account, but I trust that wisdom and grace will be given to yourself & Mr Hallock & your wives equal to your necessities. There you will find scope for Greek preaching, & ministerial labors appropriately missionary — more than in Malta, far more; while you will have access to perhaps as numerous a body of people, on the whole, speaking the English. Mrs Hallock, also, may have her school for Greek children, if she should desire it, & Mr Hallock could exercise his ingenuity in giving them perfection.
My belief is, you would all be happier in Smyrna, after you are fairly settled, than in Malta. To be sure, the experiment may fail; but, as I said, it is important to learn what we cannot do.
With this go some New years presents for the children. They will arrive rather late, but were selected on the first day of the year. They are designed for your children & Mr Hallock's. Please give my affectionate regards to Mrs Temple & to Mr & Mrs Hallock; & believe me very affectionately & truly yours — R Anderson Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.

Mr Wm Ames
Theol. Sem'y. Andover

Missionary Rooms Boston Feby 14 1833

My Dear Sir

Your favor of 11th inst was rec'd yesterday. There is a manifest propriety in your giving a serious consideration to the appointment to Patagonia, before you accept it. May the Lord guide you to the result, which will be most pleasing to Him. In respect, however, to your qualifications for this particular service, I think you may

safely leave them to the judgment of others; At least, this is usually the safest course in matters of importance.

With regard to an associate in the mission, the probability is that you may be better accommodated in your own class at Andover, than elsewhere. You know it is far easier to imagine an assemblage of first rate qualities, than it is to find them in one person. Experience has taught the Committee to be less difficult on this point, than they once were; I mean as to the combination of high qualities, though there are a few which more and more appear to be important.

I think it was Mr Munson who informed me, that you thought favorably of Mr Foles as a companion; and, a few days since, when Mr F was at the Rooms, he informed me that you had mentioned the Patagonian mission to him, though I did not learn in what manner. This led to a conversation with him in reference to the nature of the mission contemplated, and he told me he was much inclined to engage in it provided your mind was favorably inclined to a companionship with him. I was much gratified by his conversation and the spirit he exhibited; & should think well of his going with you, provided you both should find that you have congenial spirits.

Mr Adger has been thought of for Africa, and provided he is inclined to go thither it would be a pity to divert his attention elsewhere. We need 3 or 4 missionaries for Western Africa. My knowledge of him is, however, very imperfect. He is not yet connected with the Board.

The plan of your mission, as now contemplated by the Committee, would be inconsistent with taking out wives, &c. &c. & leaving them at Valparaiso, or any other port in S America, till you had explored the ground and made preparations for a mission. The question is just to be settled by yourselves, whether we shall attempt a permanent mission on the coast. This indeed is in the highest degree probable, but no information now accessible is of such a nature as to render it certain.

But even if it were certain, it would be unwise to provoke attention so much at the outset among the papists of Chili

as would be the case by having your families at Valparaiso. Nor would this be economical. The expense at Valparaiso would be greater than that of your return. The plan originally proposed is the best — is the most simple, the least likely to create obstacles from the papists of S America, the safest, most economical, most likely to secure the approbation of the churches at home.

I do not believe that Capt. Morrell is able to answer satisfactorily many of the inquiries you wish to make. My questions to him were of such a nature that he would have communicated more information than he did, if he had had it in poopepion. I will, however, write him again, if you will favor me with the questions you wish to propose. Perhaps it would be better for me to write him, at this stage of the business, than for you; though there is no impropriety in your writing. His address is "Capt Benjamin Morrell Junr New York city."

Dr Wisner is absent, but there is no need of mentioning your debt to him. We are aiming at perfect system in our work; & on that system, your direct intercourse with him ceased on your appointment to a mission beyond the sea. — It is impossible to say yet when it will be necessary for you to embark. Time will of course be given for all necessary preliminary measures. We shall know more about it by the commencement of the summer. — I will propose the subject of your attending the lectures at Woodstock, at the next meeting of the Committee. I am my dear Sir very truly Yours,

R Anderson.

Rev Geo. B Whiting
Beyroot. Syria

Missionary Room, Boston Feb 12 1833

My Dear Sir,

I acknowledged yours of August 6th in a letter to Mr Bird, written 24th ultto. I have now to answer your favors of July 7 and Oct 10, the latter received since that date. I have seen that you are supplied with the books you request. We have also sent other books which you did not request.

The death of Mortabet you must all feel to be a serious

loss; but who knows what influence it is destined to exert on Jidon, and on the country round about? His wid and children, owing to his past relations to the mission, we regard as having a claim upon us for such relief as the mission can afford, without seeming to regard her as a dependant. She can be assisted pretty liberally in the way of direct charity; & when the press has commenced operations, she might soon to learn to fold the sheets in the bindery. In short, the ways and means may easily be found to preserve her and her children from suffering, and to render her useful, & put them in the way of becoming so.

The researches of Messrs Smith and Dwight accompany this, and will be read with a good deal of interest and satisfaction. You will also receive the last Report of the Prudential Committee.

We are all pretty well, and Mrs Anderson desires affectionate regards to Mrs Whiting & all the missionary ladies. Please remember me affectly to all, & believe me very truly

Yours R Anderson

Rev Miron Winslow } Missionary Room, Boston Feby 15 1833
Jaffna Ceylon } Dear Brethren

Seeing the Ship Henry Clay advertised in New York to sail about this time for Madras, by way of Madeira, I send a few lines, hoping they may reach New York in season to go by her. Three brethren have already received an appointment as Missionaries to Ceylon, Messrs Echard, Apthorp, & Hutchings — the last a brother in law of Mr Winslow. We hope also to be able to secure another clergyman, of an excellent character, and now settled in the ministry, who was brought up a printer. These brethren (perhaps including Mr Echard) we expect will embark the next Summer. The probability is that the Monmouth may be going to Columbo or Madras about that time. The Committee have resolved to send out a printing establishment by these brethren, to be set up in connection with the Seminary at Batticotta. We are aware that you have a press at Mallora (the assertion in the last report to the contrary notwithstanding, which was my

mistake) but the Committee think it best to furnish you thoroughly for performing the work which our Bible and Tract Societies and the good Providence of God are likely to assign you. Our good brother at Nellore, to whom we were all so much indebted, will doubtless rejoice at this.

Be so good as to inform the Committee whether single females might be advantageously sent to your help as teachers. This is a point on which we are all here in need of information.

With regard to the arrangements for the return of Mr Meigs & family and the children, we shall defer making any definite arrangements till April. By that time we shall probably know whether the same vessel that takes out our brethren & sisters may not be induced to bring back those who are to come to this country. We shall endeavor to prevent any disappointment.

I hope you will multiply your schools just as fast and as far as they can be brought under a Christian influence. Double your expenditure, if by so doing, you can bring the native youth twice as much under the Christian influence. I think you may expect a thousand dollars more than usual remitted to you before September 1st, to be expended on your Seminary & schools. For once, send us home an estimate of the desirable expenditure, under your own eyes, in Jaffna, that shall have no reference to the money in our Treasury, nor the want of benevolence in the churches, but to the necessities of the people, and the facilities for spending the money judiciously. For instance can ten thousand dollars a year be expended in the department of education? & the manner of spending so much money? We could use such estimates to great advantage if we had them.

We are all pretty well, and the good cause was never more prosperous in the churches — never so much so. For this let us give praise to God, and redouble our diligence. Desiring affectionate regards to all, I am very truly yours in the fellowship of the Gospel

R Anderson

Rev. Wm Ellis For.n Secy &c &c
London

Missionary Rooms Boston Feb 18 1833

My Dear Brother

I wrote you on the 2d ult. in relation to our proposed mission to the Washington Islands. Since then we have rec.d a brief letter from three of our brethren on their way to explore the Washington Islands. They wrote from Tahiti under date of Sept 17, & only a few lines. They had visited most of the missionaries of your Society, & conferred with them very particularly & were then on the point of sailing for the Washington ~~Islands~~ group. They appear to have written before, & probably more at length. The following is an extract, or rather nearly the whole of the letter we have received.

"As this is a better opportunity than the other, we thought it best to state again the result of our visit here, so far as it relates to our occupying the Washington Islands.

"The following is the Resolution of the London Society's missionaries,

"Resolved, – that our American brethren be recommended to wait till we hear from England on the subject of the Marquesan mission; but, if this be impracticable, that they occupy one group of the islands, leaving the other for our missionaries should any be sent for that field of labor; – & further, in case none be sent, that they should occupy the whole.

Tahiti Sept 4 1832 (Signed) G Pritchard
on behalf of the brethren."

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"It may be proper to add, that London Society could not sustain the mission with less expense as they have a vessel to visit annually the islands in that vicinity; and Mess Pritchard, Simpson & Darling, who have visited both groups, estimate the population at not more than 15,000 or 20,000."

The deputation was in the Missionary Packet, & consisted of Mr Whitney, Mr Tucker, & Mr Alexander. I learn from a private letter from Mr Alexander, that the mission at the Sandwich Islands instructed Messrs Tinker, Alexander, & Armstrong, & Doct.r Chapin, to hold themselves in readiness to establish a mission at the Washington Islands, should it be deemed expedient on the return of the Deputation.

Then in addition to those communications in my last, are all the facts I know on the subject. I trust it may please the Head of the Church so to guide this enterprize, that his own glory may be promoted, & the relations of our societies & missions not be unhappily affected. Indeed I have no fear but the result, whatever it may be, will be satisfactory all round. The world is before us, & there is quite too much land yet to be possessed to leave us time for regrets that this or that small portion of the great field happens to be preoccupied.

There is a small balance in our favor in your Treasury. We should be glad to have it remain for the present, if you will allow me to trouble you occasionally with the postage of letters to certain persons in England whom I know not how to address so as to be sure of finding them. Any expense incurred on our account may then be charged to our debit. Should I trouble you too much, you will of course be so kind as to caution me.

Desiring affectionate regards to Mrs Ellis, & a respectful remembrance to Mr Arundel. I am very

truly yours R Anderson

Adam Hodgson Esqr
Liverpool England

Missionary Rooms Boston Feb 18 1833

Dear Sir

The interest you have taken in the Missionary operations of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, induces me to ask for information on a subject of considerable importance.

Our Board has resolved upon establishing a Mission in Western Africa, & if possible in the interior of that country. The almost certain loss of life to a white man in penetrating the wilds back of our colony at Liberia, has hitherto prevented. The late discovery of Landers has induced us to hope that we might enter the continent by way of the Niger.

I wish to ask you, Dear Sir, (if it be proper) whether you think the trading company lately formed at Liverpool, which has sent an expedition up that river, will be favorably disposed to our undertaking a mission of this kind. You know our object is not at all of a commercial nature;

& yet could we form & sustain a mission in the interior, it would have a civilizing influence, & so far would tend to diminish the danger now attendant on trade of the interior. Your own opinion on the following points will greatly oblige us.

1. Is it probable there will be a regular commercial intercourse between Liverpool & the countries on the Niger?
2. Will the English government assert any such claim to that river, as will be likely to subject American missionaries to embarrassment, in entering it, & receiving annual supplies?
3. Will the company at Liverpool be likely to exert an influence against us? Will it favor us in any way?
4. Could we probably send two missionaries by way of Liverpool up the Niger?
5. Is there any thing we can do, directly or indirectly, to secure the confidence & good will of the men less of this trading company?

I doubt whether you will yet be able to answer all these questions, but I submit them to your well known kindness & Christian discretion; believing that you will not think any liberty too great which directly tends to advance the cause of our common Lord & Saviour.

I am Dear Sir, with great respect, Yours in the fellowship of the Gospel R Anderson

Rev. Henry R Hoisington, Aurora, Cayuga Co. N.Y.

Missionary Room, Boston Feb 20 1833

My Dear Sir

I hasten to inform you that last evening I submitted your offer of service & the accompanying testimonials, to the Prudential Committee, & they unanimously appointed yourself & Mrs Hoisington to the Ceylon mission. This information I doubt not you will both receive with a renewed consecration of yourselves to the service of Christ among the heathen. We expect you to go in the same vessel with Messrs Hutchings, Apthorp, & most probably Mr Echard also, but see no probability, at present, of securing a suitable passage before the next summer.

The spirit manifested by your people in deference to your leaving them for this object, I cannot but admire, & regard it as calling for devout gratitude to God. I believe they will lose nothing by such a cheerful consecration of you to the missionary work. It will, however, be best for you, no doubt, to receive a speedy dismission; & as the only way of furnishing you with the means of subsistence till near the time of your embarkation, we recommend that you apply to Mr Eddy, our general agent, for employment, which he doubtless can furnish you. You will be careful not too much to expose your health while the cold weather lasts; but when you are able to act as an agent, & while so acting, you will be entitled to eight dollars a week & your travelling expenses. Your travelling expenses while visiting your friends, just before your departure, & in coming to the place of embarkation, will of course be paid by the Board. For outfit, (that is, for clothing on the voyage & a stock to begin with, for library, & the furnishing of your house,) you and your wife will be allowed 666 dollars; but on this fund you had better not begin to draw till you have obtained the views of Mr & Mrs Hutchings.

You will need a passport from the Secretary of State at Washington, & to obtain it must obtain a certificate of your citizenship from some Notary Public, which should be sent to Washington. The Passport is gratis.

Please keep me informed where you may be found, as your correspondence hereafter will be with me. Any inquiries you wish to make I shall be happy to answer.

Praying the Lord of Missions to bless you both, & make you greatly useful to the heathen, I am very truly Yours

R Anderson

Rev Geo. W Apthorp
Lexington Va.

Missionary Rooms Boston Feb 20 1833

My Dear Sir

We have now three missionaries engaged for Ceylon, besides yourself; viz. Mr. Eckard, the Rev. Samuel Hutchings, & the Rev. Henry A Hoisington,

a young minister now settled at Aurora, Cayuga County N.Y.
The probability is, that you will all sail together, & probably in a vessel which we hope will sail next June or July for Colombo & Madras. This is the prospect at present, & I thought you would wish to know what the prospect is. It is possible, indeed, that we may obtain a suitable passage for you before that time; but not probable.
The missionaries in Ceylon have requested that five missionaries may be sent them.
In great haste but very truly Yours R Anderson

Mr James Read Echard, Theol. Sem. Princeton } Missionary Rooms, Boston Feb 20. 1833
My Dear Sir,
The more we think on the subject the more we are inclined to believe, that you had better embark in the same vessel with the other brethren; provided they do not sail till next Summer, & a vessel is then found going directly to Colombo or Madras. There will be Mr Apthorp and wife, Mr Hutchings & wife, & Mr Hoisington and wife, (he is now a settled minister in Aurora, N.Y.); & having so many we can probably induce a vessel to touch at Colombo, and thus save a great deal of expense of money & time. A delay of three or four months longer in this country, would not probably be a compensation for the necessity of after all going by way of Calcutta, & making the voyage, or rather the time consumed in reaching Ceylon, three or four months longer than if you were to go direct.
Thus the case stands in the minds of the Committee & in my own mind. If you see cause to think differently I wish you would inform us. If not we will make arrangements to send you out with the rest as early in the Summer as may be; but how early we cannot tell.
This intelligence will probably lead you, to modify your studies a little, but probably not much. What progress are you making?
I am my Dear Sir, very truly Yours R Anderson

Capt Benja Morrell Jr
New York City

Missionary Rooms Boston Feb 21 1833

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 24th ult to was duly received, & laid before our Committee, & they have resolved upon incipient measures toward a mission on the western coast of Patagonia. One of the clergymen, however, whom we have in view for the mission is desirous that I should propound to you the following questions, which I doubt not you will take pleasure in answering so far as may be in your power.

1. How does the climate in latitude 47° S. compare with that of New England? What depth of snow? Is the coast subject to severe storms? Are storms frequent?

2. What is the probable number of natives along the coast, connected with the tribes you mention as residing between 47° & 50°? What is the extent & what the object of their migrations? Are the natives on the West coast to any extent a pastoral race? Can we gain any information respecting their language? Could an interpreter be found on the coast? To what extent would property be safe among the natives?

3. To what extent could the missionaries traverse the coast & country, & by what means?

There is a prevalent impression that the high latitudes of the South are more severe, than similar northern latitudes. I understand your opinion to be the reverse of this. We should be glad of a decisive expression of it.

Your interest in the welfare of these tribes will lead you to excuse the trouble we give you.

I am dear Sir very respectfully truly yours

R Anderson

Mr Wm Amy
Andover

Missionary Rooms Boston Feb 21 1833

My Dear Sir

The Committee authorize you to attend the Medical Lectures at Woodstock, next vacation, at the expense of the Board. We presume your only expenses

will be for board & travelling to & from thence.
I am not able to gather from your letter whether, in view of the whole case, your own mind is decided in favor of having Mr Hales for your companion. On a subject of such vital importance, we wish you to be perfectly frank. Whenever your opinion is formed, I wish you would have the goodness to communicate it. — I perceive, on recurring to your letter, you refer me to Mr Schneider for information concerning Mr H. I forgot to speak to him on the subject. I presume myself, however, to have all the material facts. I shall write again to Capt Morrell. I am very truly yours

R Anderson

Thomas W Williams Esq
New London Con.

Missionary Rooms Boston Feby 22 1833

My Dear Sir

Information derived from Capt Morrell has turned the attention of our Committee towards the western coast of Patagonia, as probably opening a field for missionary efforts. Some circumstances, however, have led us to seek for additional information before taking decisive measures on the subject. Presuming that some of the enterprising & trustworthy inhabitants of New London have explored the western coast of Patagonia in quest of seals, I venture to trouble you with a few inquiries.

1. Number & character of the Indian tribes on the western coast between Chiloe & the straits of Magellan? Whether found anywhere in considerable numbers, & where? Whether they cultivate the ground, or subsist wholly by fishing & hunting? Whether peaceable & mild, or warlike & savage? Whether extremely degraded?

2. Capt Morrell, in a private letter, recommended the Guanaco Island, in about latitude 47° S. as the most suitable place for a mission. He speaks of them as exceedingly fertile & desirable as a place of residence. What is known of such island?

3. Might two unmarried missionaries, who are regardless of privations & hardships, be landed safely among the natives,

& live securely among them for a season? The object of such a mission would be to observe the character of the people, & ascertain what can be done for them, & whether it is best to attempt a permanent mission, & if so, make preparations for such a mission.

4. Would the Chilian state be likely to regard our mission with jealousy, & attempt to frustrate our measures? Is that part of Patagonia claimed by Chili?

5. Do vessels from New London & Stonington, or any other of our ports, frequent that coast in search of seals, sea-otters, or anything else? If so, at what seasons? Could we send Missionaries in these vessels, & communicate with our mission, in case we should establish one? Should we send these two men as explorers, when must they be in readiness to embark? If Capt Morrell's narrative of his voyages &c, has come into your vicinity, I should like exceedingly to know what is the opinion entertained by the most knowing & candid, of the correctness of his descriptions, & especially his descriptions of the coast of Patagonia.

Any suggestions on the subject which may occur to you will greatly oblige us. Desiring to be respectfully remembered to Mrs Williams I am Dear Sir

very respectfully & truly yours

R Anderson

Mr Justin Perkins
Amherst College

Missionary Rooms Boston Feb 22 1833

My Dear Sir

Yours of the 20th inst was received this morning.

We agree with you as to the importance of having a physician associated with you, & are not at present looking for any other than a medical man for your companion. You will of course be also on the lookout. He should be, if possible, a man of prime qualities.

The notice of your acceptance has come too late for the March Herald. We shall present the mission in its proper attitude in the Herald for April.

The testimonials necessary in behalf of the lady who is to accompany your wife, a letter of recommendation from her pastor & one from 2 or 3 members of the church; or others that are equivalent. For them we look to you, of course, rather than to her.

On the subject of female assistance in your families, I hardly know what to say. She must be a rare female, who could go unmarried to Cornwall without imminent danger of discontentment. If such an one can be found, I cannot presume to say what would be the opinion of the Committee. You will bear in mind, that your fellow labourer will also be a married man, so that your two wives can assist each other. Shall both of the married ladies be accompanied by female helpers? If not, which shall have the privilege?

Though you cannot probably obtain female help in your families in Cornwall, you can obtain men servants; & the importance of female help is a good deal diminished when we reflect, that a far greater proportion of household work is done by men servants in the east, than is customary with us.

The question whether you shall remain in the tutorship during the years, must be referred to your own judgment as none of us here feel exactly competent to determine at present, what is best in relation to that matter.

I shall always be happy to answer any inquiries you may propose, & am very truly yours

R Anderson

Rev. R R Gurley
Washington City Columbia

Missionary Rooms Boston Feb 23 1833

My Dear Sir

Our Board have resolved upon establishing a mission in Western Africa, Providence permitting; either in the vicinity of the Colony, or up the Niger, or both if practicable. We propose taking the first decisive measures next Autumn. Your long acquaintance with the subject must enable you to give us advice, which will greatly

spirit in forming our plans, as well as in carrying them into effect. Allow me then to ask you to write me on the subject, as soon as shall be convenient; especially in relation to the Colony, & its neighborhood. A favorite object with us at present is, to establish a seminary in some comparatively healthful spot, for the education of native teachers & catechists.

I am my dear sir very respectfully & truly yours

R Anderson

Mr J Leighton Wilson
Theol. Sem. Columbia S.C.

Missionary Rooms Boston Feb 23 1833

My Dear sir

Yours of the 12th has been duly received, & I am truly happy to learn that your appointment to the African Mission was so welcome to your feelings; indeed I had every reason to think it would be so.

We are now anxious that you should have a companion in the ministry, of a congenial spirit, & a constitution of body adapted to the work. Mr Adams being such a man, the case is one which will commend itself strongly to his sense of duty. Dr Winner is now absent on the business of his department, but on his return, next week, I will shew him your letter & request him to write Mr. A. which he can do to better advantage than myself on account of their personal acquaintance. I will however make a few suggestions;— (1.) The mission ought to be commenced the next Autumn, & it will be almost, if not altogether indispensable, that there be two of you: but we now are acquainted with no one, we have even heard of none, who would be both qualified and disposed to go as soon as that,— except Mr Adams.

(2.) A mission to Africa, we suppose, is just the mission that would be likely to excite an interest in S Carolina, & so become highly useful to the chrs in that portion of the country. My impression is, that your two can in no way be so useful to the chrs of the South, as by engaging in this enterprise. It is true that some will object; perhaps many will, & will speak against the Seminary; & possibly some may be alienated for a season. But these objections will be met by answers and appeals; they will excite attention to the enterprise, & to the motives

of amazing interest which had open to engage in it. In one way or another you will have to encounter objections & hard speeches against the cause in the South, as we have had to do in the North; but the sooner they are made, the sooner they will be over, if they are met by decided, self devoted action, as well as argument. As for the Seminary, whatever tends directly to ~~wake~~ keep up the spirit of missions in the South, will bless the Seminary. The spirit of missionary enterprise is precisely that which will build up the religious institutions at the South & West. Where one friend is lost, ten will be gained, & staunch friends will be made more liberal.

(3.) A great debt is due to Africa, & this African mission really ought not to be embarrassed much longer. It is 6 or 7 years since the Board resolved upon it, & all this while we have been waiting for men in all respects prepared to engage in it.

(4.) If, independently of the Seminary, we can ascertain that it would be agreeable to the will of God for half your class to go to the heathen, I cannot but think that God will so order events that the Seminary will gain, rather than lose, by sending them all forth. It has long seemed to me, that our churches, many of them, & some of the advocates of domestic missions among us, did not repose sufficient confidence in the promises of God, in reference to the work of missions. The fact is, that the ministry which has gone forth into the churches from the Seminary at Andover, has not only been far better in spirit but more numerous, than it would have been if none, or only a very few, of its members had engaged in missions to the heathen. I doubt not but this enterprise has been the means of raising up three ministers for the home service, where it has sent one abroad.

With regard to the question, whether you should at first go out married, or single, that, I think, must be left very much to your own judgment. We cannot but rejoice that you have become connected with one who can be so highly recommended in every way for the service

& pray that the lives of you both may be spared for many years, if that be the will of the Lord. I hope the letter I wrote Mr. Preston, sometime since, was satisfactory to the Misses B. in relation to the subject which it treated. Perhaps I ought to say that facts have since come to our knowledge in regard to some of the Eastern missions, which will be likely somewhat to modify the views then taken. We have written for more information.

We should like to have you give your views somewhat minutely, as to the probable advantages which would arise from taking out two or three intelligent negroes. Describe the negroes in question, & the service they might be expected to render. —— Prof. Robinson's health is not good, & I hear fears expressed that it is declining. It is doubtful therefore whether he could spare you; & yet it would be well if you could attend to the first principles of the Arabic language before embarking. Mr Smith (from Malta) is better acquainted with the Arabic than any other man I know of in this country. A little time spent with him after you have learned the Arabic characters would be valuable. He expects to return to Malta sometime next summer. A few weeks spent in the study of Arabic at Andover, would also be useful. But on this subject I do not dare to advise confidently, lest I should disoblige the excellent professors of your seminary. Our general advice to students is, to make thorough work with the studies of their respective seminaries, whatever else is neglected. Time can afterwards be taken for other studies, if necessary. In the present case, it would be desirable to embark early in the Winter or perhaps in November, in case two missionaries were in readiness. I am my Dear Sir very truly Yours

R Anderson

P.S. I have written to Adam Hodgson Esqr. of Liverpool, as I proposed doing —

Mr William Ames. } Missionary Rooms Boston Feb 26 1833
Theo. Sem. Andover } My Dear Sir

I have received your favor of yesterday, and am glad you write with freedom. My object in writing now is to say, that we shall not be likely to appoint you an associate without giving you notice beforehand. Under present circumstances, we should not appoint Mr. H. to the Patagonian mission. Allow me, however, to counsel you to conduct toward him with the utmost openness and kindness; for after what has passed, if he were to see any thing like reserve in you, it would make him feel unhappy. We cannot help thinking, that he will yet be somewhere very useful to the cause of missions.

You will of course be looking out for an associate, and if you hear of the right kind of a man let us know. I have written to Mr London for more information concerning the Patagonian coast, — having ascertained, from two gentlemen in this city, that Capt Morrell is not very correct in his statements concerning California, and fearing the same might therefore be true of him, farther south.

Very truly Yours
R Anderson

Rev L. Ives Hoadley } Missionary Rooms Boston Feb 28 1833
at Peck & Parkers } My Dear Brother

The Prudential Committee voted yesterday to make an appropriation of forty five dollars towards the support and education of Marcia T Whitney in the year 1832. Should it be desirable in your view that an appropriation should be also made for the present year, I hope you will signify the fact before the 1st of next September and I have no doubt but a similar grant will be made. The Committee deem it of very great importance to adhere to the rule of making grants for the children of missionaries sent to this country for education, only for the years in which applications are made. Very affy yours

P.S. Mr Hill will pay you the money at any time R Anderson

Rev Samuel Hutchings, Missionary Rooms Boston Feb 28 1833
Medfield Mass

My Dear Sir

It is reasonable that missionaries, before embarking on a foreign mission, (extraordinary cases excepted,) should have an opportunity to bid farewell to parents, brothers, and sisters, if they desire it. Hence the expense of such farewell visits have been paid by the Board, when they could not so well be made as at the public charge. A visit to your sister in Virginia will come within the rule; unless friends prefer, on the whole, that it should not;— and we refer the matter entirely to your discretion. Whatever is paid on your a/c before your embarkation, will of course be charged against your name in the annual accounts of the Board — both for outfit and travelling expenses. It is well to keep an eye on that fact, that the sum total be not inconveniently large.

The route you are to pursue is already occupied, for the most part, by agencies. You will do well, however, to preach on the subject of missions wherever you find a favorable opening. For this you will not need any formal commission, being an accepted missionary of the Board. Neither will you require one to take up a collection, in the few cases where you will find a collection advisable.

In case you need money for your travelling expenses, you can obtain it of Mr Geo. M Tracy, our agent in New York, by showing him this paragraph.

The annual expense of supporting a child in Ceylon is 20 dollars, But I presume there are so many names yet to be appropriated, that some years must elapse before new names can be given. Better pay 30 dollars for supporting a free school: a name can be given to a school. Desiring an affte remembrance to Mrs Hutchings, & also to Mr. Osborne, with whom I have the pleasure of some acquaintance, I am very truly Yours

R Anderson

Rev. Leonard Woods, Andover Mass

Missionary Rooms Boston March 5 1833

Revd & Dear Sir

I have been prevented by indisposition & other causes from replying to your letter respecting Mr Perkins. I will now briefly state the reasons which induce the Committee to request that Mr. P. may be allowed to proceed to Constantinople next Autumn.

1. The Comte are anxious to secure for the Board the inviting field for Missionary labors opened among the Nestorians by the researches of Mess Smith & Dwight. This they can probably do, by announcing the intention of the Board to send a missionary into the field (which has already been done,) by announcing in the Spring that a man has actually been appointed to the mission; & by having that man, & an associate if possible, on the way to the field next Autumn or Winter. He will find it necessary to spend some months in Constantinople studying the language of the Nestorians; but while at Constantinople, the place of his designation will be generally known. All things considered, this Nestorian mission appears to be the most desirable for us of any we have contemplated among the oriental churches; both as a means of doing good in those churches & of exciting an interest at home. We have been at great cost & pains to explore the ground. We are fairly entitled to it. We ought not to hazard the loss of it without the most urgent reasons. Should our missionary not leave this country before the Autumn of 1834, he will not be among the Nestorians much before the Autumn of 1835. It would not be best to announce his appointment so long before hand. We must leave the ground open to the contemplation of the different denominations of Christians, & opened by our own investigations, with nothing to prevent their entering in, & effectually excluding us for the present, but a simple announcement, that we mean to occupy it at some future time. Our belief is, that this will be found insufficient.

2. We know of no other man, attainable by the Committee who is on the whole so fitted to engage in this mission, as Mr Perkins. You are well aware that there is none

in the senior class at Andover. There is no one at Princeton or Auburn. There is no one at New Haven. There is a member of the Senior class in the Columbia seminary, who has long had his heart fixed on the Mohammedans of Persia, who might perhaps be induced to come into the Nestorian mission; but for all we can learn of him, Mr. Perkins, is far to be preferred to him for a leader in the mission. Indeed, looking all round the compass, we see no man except this Mr Perkins, who stands forth with any prominence as a candidate for the situation. As to the desirableness, & great advantages of his spending another year at Andover, there can be no doubt. You know we are all strenuous advocates for young men's spending the three years at Andover. We never proposed such an exception as this to the general rules before, & shall not be likely to propose it again soon. We regard the last year as of equal value with either of the others; & the course in ecclesiastical history has a special value to one going among the ancient churches of Asia.

3. In the present case, however, there are some circumstances to be considered. Mr. Perkins has spent two years at Andover, & before he embarks he will have spent another year as instructor in languages in one of the colleges, with his mission as destination all the while in view. It is not as if he were sent away at the end of his second year in the Seminary. The course of his studies in the college, has a direct & important bearing on his future studies as a missionary. He is becoming a more scientific & expert linguist. At the same time, if he makes no progress in ecclesiastical history, his mind & heart & character will be maturing for his future work. For the study of ecclesiastical history he will be furnished with the necessary books at Constantinople & in the field of his labors. He will go out as thoroughly furnished with oral instructions on this subject, as all his predecessors in the Mediterranean mission have been, Mr. Riggs, & Mr. Schauffler only excepted, & he will be favored with Mr. Schauffler's assistance. Mr Smith is also of opinion, that there are some peculiar excitements

& advantages in relation to the study of oriental church history when he is in the midst of the relics of the oriental churches. No doubt it is so; though you will not understand me, as arguing, that no loss will be sustained by Mr. Perkins, in respect to his studies, should he go the next Autumn, I am only arguing that the loss will not be total.

After all, we rest the case chiefly in the providential exigency into which we are thrown. We are anxious to place a man among the Nestorians whom we thoroughly know, & in whom we can repose entire confidence. Who knows what treasures in sacred literature he may discover in the recesses of the Kurdish mountains, & send home to us & to you?

You argue, dear sir, that Mr. Perkins is so promising a man, that he ought to remain in this country another year but from that fact we draw just the opposite conclusion. This is a point, however, which we dont wish to press unduly. You & we have precisely the same great object in view. In this case it is for the professors to judge & decide. We may argue but must not dictate, & have no wish to do so.

If Mr. Perkins is to go, we are desirous of announcing the fact in the April Herald, & shall therefore feel much obliged if we can receive the decision of yourself & your associates by Monday of the next week, or on Saturday if convenient.

I have never written you on the subject of tobacco chewing because, on my return, I found I could not get so decided an expression of opinion from our Committee as was necessary to my purpose. I ought perhaps to say, that I did not press the subject upon their attention; Indeed I did not bring it up in a formal manner.

I am, my dear sir very respectfully & truly yours
R Anderson

Wm C Gilman Esqr
Norwich Conn.

Missionary Room, Boston March 5 1833

My Dear Sir

I received yours of the 16th ult to on the 28th. Various causes have prevented my returning an

an immediate answer.

To determine what would be acceptable to Mrs. Winslow in Ceylon, recollect that she has a family of children, & has also the charge of a boarding school of 50 native girls — in a hot climate & every thing to buy. Only give her the satisfaction of imparting to her sisters in the mission what she does not need herself, & the ladies would be safe in sending her almost any thing which they find useful in their own families in very hot weather.

I think she might make an excellent use of many little trinkets as presents to the girls — needles, scissors, &c. &c. Every thing designed for native girls should be cheap & plain, for very obvious reasons: nothing showy. They are generally poor girls, but are far more subject to serious impressions than girls of their age in the boarding schools of our own country.

Desiring affectionate regards to Mr. Greene & your several families, I am my dear Sir

Very truly Yours

R Anderson

Mr Timothy Dwight } Missionary Room, Boston March 6 1833
Amherst College Mass. } My Dear Sir

Yours of the 8th ult. was rec'd on the 23d. I infer from this letter, that your preference would rather be toward the Mediterranean as the field for your missionary labors. I believe we are all of opinion here, that in that part of the world your labors would probably be most useful to the cause of missions. Should you think favorably of so general a designation, our Com^tee would probably be ready to fix it by a resolution.

As you propose spending the next year in this country, it would hardly be advisable to determine now in what particular island or country of the Mediterranean you shall reside, unless you greatly desire it. Indeed it may not be very easy to decide, so long before hand, precisely when it will be advisable for you to to make your abode at the close of 1834. You will see in

the address to the churches published in the Herald for March, what are the fields around the Mediterranean to which the Com^ee are desirous of sending missionaries.

Be so good as to write with the greatest freedom, & believe me

Very respectfully Truly yours

R Anderson

Mr Benj^d Schneider, Theol. Sem. Andover Mass.

Missionary Rooms Boston, March 5 1833

My Dear Sir.

The Com^ee have appointed you to the Mediterranean mission, but without any more specific designation. My impression is, however, that your attention will ultimately be directed towards the Greeks — most probably of some of the islands mentioned in the schedule in our lately published address to the churches.

I have time to add no more, except to express my earnest desire that you may be guided into that field in which the Lord will be pleased to aim & bless your labors;

I am very truly yours

R Anderson

P.S. I thank you for the information derived from Blunhart's Missionary History. An examination of the inspired history had previously satisfied my mind on the point where I was doubtful when at Andover.

Miss Philomela Garrett, Utica N.Y.

Missionary Rooms Boston March 6 1833

My Dear Madam

Your letter of inquiry on the subject of sending single females to Bombay, was duly received, & I have read it to the Com^ee. The subject had previously been brought before them by the free conversations held with Mr Graves.

No doubt has ever been entertained, that Miss Hanna was highly useful in her connection with the female school. Indeed she appears to be endowed with some rare & almost peculiar qualifications for her post. In reference to the general subject, however, of the desirableness of sending

unmarried female, as superintendants of schools, it is remarkable that not a single letter on our files, either from the Bombay or Ceylon mission, ever recommended such a thing; while one letter written soon after Miss Hanna arrived at Bombay, questioned the expediency of it — though not in a manner at all discreditable to her. The probability of single females remaining unmarried long, either at Bombay or in Jaffna, is represented by Mr. Graves & also by Mr. Winslow, in a private letter to be small. Without enlarging I would say, that the Com^ee have instructed me to write on the subject both to Bombay & Ceylon, & ascertain the views & wishes of those missions. Meanwhile they advise, that the subject be suffered to rest in suspense & quiet.

Mr Graves is in excellent health. Mr Graves' constitution is much broken, but his health was considerably benefitted by the voyage. They are spending the winter at Fairhaven, Ct.

I am happy to hear that your health has so far improved, that you have the prospect of resuming the useful employment of a teacher, in the Spring. I rejoice also that your daughter is so favorably situated at Ginevra.

That the good God will continue to take care of you and yours, if you heartily devote yourself & them to his service & glory, there can be no doubt.

You will of course communicate freely to us whatever you deem important to the cause. Mrs. Anderson desires an affectionate remembrance & I am My Dear Madam

very truly yours

R Anderson

P.S. You ask whether missionaries could not be sent to Bombay by way of China or Batavia? The expense, delay, & hazard would be more than double by such a route.

Mrs James Read Echard
Princeton N. J.

Missionary Rooms Boston March 1 1833

My Dear Sir

With regard to the time of your departure I can only say, that we have strong expec

tations of securing a passage for you to Colombo or Madras about July of next Summer. I can speak no more definitely & positively because this is all we can know at present. You had better not allow your mind to be perplexed on this subject at all. Your clothing, & that of your wife, if you take a wife, will need to be chiefly procured in this country: but that can all be done in the three or four last weeks. Yet should you wish for particular information on this subject, I recommend you to correspond with one of your associates, the Rev. Sam Hutchings, brother in law of the Rev Wm A. Hallock, Secy of the Amr Tract Society, New York city. For purchasing clothes, library & furnishing your house in Ceylon, one rupee entitles you to 666 dollars, if married, & 4444 dollars, or as much of it as may be needed, if unmarried.

There will be no difficulty in transporting your library to Jaffna.

Permit me to remind you of an erroneous use of a word. You speak of your "Cingalese literary course". Your mission is to the Tamul part of the inhabitants of Ceylon, not the Cingalese. The great body of the islanders are Cingalese & profess the Buddhist religion. The inhabitants of Jaffna speak the Tamul language, & profess the Hindoo religion, called also the Brahminic religion. Their language is spoken by eight or nine millions of people on the opposite & adjacent continent. Your literary course is to be Tamul. These remarks you will of course excuse. Very truly yours

R Anderson

Mr S B Munger } Missionary Rooms, Boston Mar. 6 1833
Theol. Sem. Andover } My Dear Sir

Your letter of the 15th inst to Dr Wisner, accepting your appointment as a missionary of the Board, was received on the 20th, & we are very happy to welcome you into our fraternity of missionary brethren. Mr Greene & myself are very desirous of a personal conversation with you on the subject of your particular design

If you are coming to Boston, we should be glad to have you call upon us. If you have no other business calling you this way before long, and can spare the time to spend an hour at the Rooms, we will see your travelling expenses paid. In haste but very truly Yours

R Anderson

Rev. Charles Robinson, Mission Rooms, Boston March 1 1833
Pittsfield Mass. & My Dear Sir

In your letter to Dr Warren you ask whether Dr Bradley is expected to go out at the same time with you. That is not expected, though the matter has not been formally decided. It is thought that it will be advisable for him to spend some time longer in this country in the practice of his profession & the study of theology.

We do not yet know precisely the time when you will embark, but presume it will be in June or July.

We do not yet know of any vessel to sail in those months. Be so good as to keep us informed where letters will find you. You will need a Passport from the Secretary of State at Washington. To obtain it you will forward a certificate of your citizenship from a Notary Public. The Passport is obtained gratis.

Praying that you may be thoroughly furnished for your work I am my dear Sir

very truly yours

R Anderson

P.S. I do not recollect that the Committee have been furnished with the usual testimonials of Miss Church's qualifications to become an Assistant Missionary of the Board. If so, please request her pastor and two or three other friends well acquainted with her to write concerning her.

Revd Wm A Hallock, New York city } Missionary Rooms Boston March 5 1833
My Dear Brother

On receiving your favor of the 19th ult., I called on Messrs Perkins & Marvin to ascertain the facts in relation to "Mary Lothrop". They have stereotyped the work — have printed about 7000 copies — sold about 5000 — & of course have about 2000 on hand. They expect to receive orders for the work in the Spring; & have a decided wish that it may not go out of their hands at present. They do not, however, regard your resolution adopting the work, in the light of an interference, & some time hence will doubtless consent to give it up to your society.

As your Society has adopted this little Memoir, it will of course be proper (I suppose) for our missionaries to print translations of it at your expense, if you think it likely to be useful. If I am correct, I will thank you to give me a certificate of its adoption which I may transmit (or rather copies of it) to our several missions. The author, I have no doubt, had the salvation of souls in view while composing it, & I wish to do what I can to give it wings to the dwellers in the ends of the earth.

I designed to have written at the call of the Circular received from you some time since. I have a great desire, if it be the will of God, to write something in the nature of an appeal from the Heathen world to the American churches before I die. Brother Greene's inability to attend to the Herald, &c. &c. have prevented my sending you anything at the present time. But should the King of Zion see fit to employ men in this manner, he will afford the opportunity. Meanwhile we have sent out an address calling for 50 missionaries for the present year, which is now going the round, & will I hope do something to further the great cause.

I like our brother & sister Hutchings very much, & regret that they are going to Ceylon.

Our Com^tee have voted to divide the printing establishment at Malta. Brothers Temple & Hallock are expected to go to Smyrna; Brother Smith & the Arabic department to Syria. We must try to have our whole apparatus on Turkish ground.

Affectionate regards to Mrs Hallock, & our brother Gerard & wife. Mrs Anderson also desires to be particularly remembered

Very truly yours

R Anderson

P.S. The letters you enclose for our missions, under date of Feb. 16, have been received.

The ship America sails from this place to Calcutta about the middle of the present month. By her we write to Bombay & Ceylon.

Rev. Wm Ramsay
Bombay

Missionary Rooms Boston March 7 1833

My Dear Sir

Your letters of Augt 14 1832 have both been received & laid before the Comte, who much regret the inconvenience to which you have been subjected on the score of outfit. These inconveniences were not foreseen, & to our knowledge have never been experienced by missionaries before. Until within the two years past, though 666 dollars were the nominal sum allowed for outfit, it was merely nominal; the missionary received what he needed, either from the Treasury of the Board directly, or from the treasury of the mission. The misunderstanding, however, wherever chargeable, appears to have been fallen into very innocently, & the Comte have now adopted rules of proceeding, which will prevent its recurrence. If donations were received by you, & not paid over to Mr. Hill, & yet were acknowledged as if received, it was a thing of course for them to be charged against you & if so charged, they must, in the circumstances of the case, be published as they were in the annual accounts. Mr Hill's schedule, which I enclose, will show you how the $728.21 were made out.

Taking into view the circumstances of the case the Comte passed the following resolution, soon after the reception of your letters, which will, I trust, afford you entire relief & satisfaction.

" Whereas Mr. Ramsey of the Bombay mission, has represented to the Comte that, in consequence of crediting the Board with donations received by him at Philadelphia, which were given by the donors as a personal favor, without any expectation that

they would be so credited, he has been so restricted in the amount due to him, on the score of outfit, on arriving at Bombay, that he has been involved in debt; —

"Resolved. That Mr Ramsey be allowed to receive $248.55 (two hundred & forty eight dollars 55/100) which was the amount of donations to him at Philadelphia of the character above described, & also such other part of the $728.21 charged to him in the annual account for the year ending Septr 1831, as was incurred for travelling expenses.

Travelling expenses are not reckoned a part of the outfit of missionaries, a fact which I supposed was known to you & the other brethren. The fact that the charge stands for "outfit & travelling expenses," shows that the two are distinct. What was the amount of your travelling expenses we have no means of determining, but probably you have.

I thank you for your remarks concerning the articles which ought to be procured before leaving this country. I only regret you had not been more particular. We greatly need a particular statement on the subject, drawn up with care, & having the concurrence of the mission, for the guidance of our brethren, & for our own information in time to come.

With regard to the allowances for conveyances & travelling expenses, the Com^tee have adopted the following resolutions, after considering the case as now presented, viz.

"Resolved — That the missionaries at Bombay be allowed twenty rupees per month, for conveyances, horse hire, & travelling expenses, in addition to the allowances voted them by the Com^tee on the 29th of February 1832; it being understood that this grant is made with a view to facilitate the intercourse of the missionaries & their wives with the natives, especially in the superintendance of the Schools."

This resolution I communicate in a letter to yourself, rather than in one to the mission generally, because the facts in the case were communicated by you, on their behalf. You will of course make the brethren acquainted with it. — I need not say, that the Com^tee, on being

convinced that this addition is necessary to the allowance made last year, have made it with cheerfulness.

As you become acquainted with the language of the people, you doubtless find your residence in Bombay increasingly pleasant. May you see abundant reason to rejoice that your steps have been guided to that remote country as a missionary of the cross.

Desiring affectionate regards to Mrs. Ramsey, I am, my dear Sir, very truly yours

R Anderson

Messrs. Crocker & Brewster will confer a favor on the A.B.C.F.M. by procuring the following type in Germany, to be forwarded from thence, as soon as possible, to the Rev. Daniel Temple, Island of Malta (Mediterranean) care of the American Consul. viz.

1. A fount of Hebrew type, of the size most used; large enough to print tracts, & books of the smaller size. The apartment of type for title-pages, notes, &c. will of course be supplied.

2. A fount of Spanish Rabbinic type, (not German Rabbinic); these Spanish Rabbinic types are wanted to print tracts & small books for the Spanish Jews of Turkey.

These two founts, with the necessary apportionments of sizes, &c. for title-pages, notes, &c. we wish sent, very speedily, to Rev. Daniel Temple, Malta, care of the American Consul.

R. A.

Mess.rs Rogers, Boston, March 8, 1833.

Mr Justin Perkins, Amherst College } Missionary Rooms Boston March 8 1833

My Dear Sir

I fully explained your case to Dr Woods, when I was at Andover, & your name was among those of the members of your class recommended by the Professors to the Prudential Committee for appointment; so that I regarded the consent of the Professors as having been obtained, provided the Com^tee should find it necessary to appoint you to the Nestorian mission.

I have received a letter from Dr Woods asking that the case may be reviewed; & have written to him, urging the point of your dismission by various arguments, which I have little doubt will be regarded as conclusive. I expect to have a reply tomorrow, or on Monday & will inform you of the result. You need feel no anxiety on the subject, nor is it necessary that you should write the Professors at present.

In great haste but very truly yours

R Anderson

Hon. Edw. Livingston, Sec^y. of State, Washington } March 8, 1833.

Wrote for a Passport for Rev. Stephen Johnson, Miss^y to Siam.

R. A.

Rev David Abeel Miss^y. of the A. B. C. F. M } Missionary Rooms Boston Mar 9 1833

My Dear Sir

I wrote you on the 17th of Oct giving you an account of the proceedings of the Board at its last annual meeting in relation to the Reformed Dutch church & inviting you to revisit your native land for a short time in order that you might be the means of rousing the missionary spirit throughout that section of our Zion. I hope that letter will soon be in your hands, & that we shall have the pleasure of seeing you if the Lord will, during the present year. The proceedings above referred to your

will find in the printed minutes of the last meeting of the Board, both in the Annual Report, & in the Missionary Herald.

Your journals, with those of Mr. Tomlin, have awakened a considerable interest in him. Indeed there has been a wonderful increase of interest in Southeastern Asia generally, & most of our missionary men wish to go to that part of the world. The Lord is also giving a new impulse to the missionary spirit throughout our land, so that we feel confident of obtaining funds to send forth every well qualified preacher of the Gospel who shall devote himself to the missionary work. For these things we will bless his holy name.

As I have little expectation that this letter will find you in the East, I shall not enlarge, except to desire my most respectful salutation, to Mr Tomlin should this find you with him.

The Address to the Churches in the March Herald will show you that the Com.ee are anxious to send forth no less than 16 men to S.E. Asia during the present year, if they can be obtained. Five are expected to sail in June or July; 3 for Siam, 2 for explorers.

Praying the gracious Lord to bless you abundantly, I am

most truly Yours

R Anderson

Rev. E C Bridgman
Canton, China

Missionary Rooms Boston March 9 1833

My Dear Sir

Your favor of May 31st was received on the 22d of Nov., & is the only letter from yourself, which has not been answered. The reason why no Instructions were sent with the Preps was, that we supposed you knew a great deal better in china, what particular use it could be put to, than we did. It is very well employed on the Chinese Repository, a work which does much credit to the preps, & to the Christian Union by which it is conducted. We only regret that the parcels sent to the Rooms come

very tardily. The second & third numbers, especially were in the hands of editors in N. York & Philadelphia some weeks before they reached us. When you are obliged to send to New York or Philadelphia, send one copy enclosed & directed expressly for the mail. We expect the Board to pay for the copies sent to us, & also your part of the deficiency in the cost of the work, if there be any.

It will be necessary that you devote no small share of your attention to Chinese printing. The American Tract Society has made a grant of fifteen hundred dollars to our China mission for the publication of Chinese Tracts; & depend on it another grant will follow on the heel, of that, & another, &c &c. The Bible Society, also, will soon be calling for a whole edition of the Chinese Scriptures. Tell Dr. Morrison of this, & that an edition of the whole Scriptures, or of considerable parts of them, we must have. Just now I am decided by of the opinion that the spirit of our churches is running in advance of that of our missionaries. — By the next conveyance we shall send you a printed circular, containing a series of inquiries, from which you will learn more on this subject. Our Bible & Tract Societies must have a great scope given them in South eastern Asia. The first leaf of this tract will speak for itself, the appeal has gone into the Missionary Herald, & into about 20 papers of our country. With divine permission we shall send the fifty more this year, if we can get them.

We must have a large Chinese printing estab lishment somewhere in S.E. Asia: Where ought it to be? Ask Dr. Morrison. I am sorry the Review of Stewart's letters was so characterized in the Chinese Repository for July; that Review, except the last paragraph, was written by a warm & able friend of missions, one of Dr. Alexander's sons of Princeton, now editor of the Presbyterian. He was obliged to write with the reserve he did, or not get the Review into the American Quarterly. I mention the fact, because in a letter to me he expressed his regret, at seeing the notice in the Repository. — I have a very short notice of Mr

Tilden's voyage, & must therefore be brief. We send you books & pamphlets. Desiring most respectful salutations to Dr. Morrison & other friends, I am most truly yours

R Anderson

D. W. C. Olyphant Esqr. Missionary Rooms Boston March 15 1833
New York city

My Dear Sir

I was informed that Mr. Williams, our printer from China, has nearly completed his preparations, & is desirous of knowing how soon we wish him to sail for Canton. He resides at Utica, N. Y., & has been spending the winter in a printing office.

We have also ~~now~~ 5 missionaries now attending Medical Lectures, for whom we are anxious to find a passage to Batavia in May, June, or July. Three of them are destined to Siam, & two go as explorers to some of the neighboring countries or islands.

Be so good, dear Sir, as to inform us what prospect there is of our being able to send these men from New York; or, at any rate, whether the printer can go from thence, & if so, at what time. He goes unmarried; the others, with perhaps one exception, will be accompanied by wives.

Many months since, our Comee entered upon the record a vote of thanks to Mr. Talbot, for his great liberality & kindness to our missionary, Mr. Bridgman. Just about that time we heard that Mr. Talbot was intending to return to this country. It does not appear that this resolution has been communicated to him. The omission is excusable only on the ground of our great bereavements, multifarious cares, &, till recently, somewhat unsettled condition at the Rooms. To communicate this resolution to him at this late day, would seem to him too formal; & yet I beg you will have the goodness just to advert to the fact when next you see him: & oblige

Yours most Respectfully & truly

R Anderson

~~Rev Samuel Mason~~ } ~~Missionary Bo~~
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Rev. Cyrus Stone } Missionary Rooms Boston March 15 1833
Bombay }

My Dear Sir

Your letter of Aug 15 1832 was received on the 11th of Jany. Some part of it was written under misapprehension, which I am now happy to correct, & I wish they could have been corrected sooner; but the spirit of your letter throughout I like very much. I bless God for the continuance of your health & hope it may long be preserved.

The remarks in the general letter of March 23/32 were founded upon the contents of letters received from Bombay. Taught by experience, I think we shall avoid hereafter all reference to facts communicated in private letters, in our general letters, being convinced that the good to be secured by them, in most cases, is not a counterbalance for the evils endangered. I would merely say, that we supposed there was some occasion for the remarks we made in the introduction to the letter, without knowing precisely why it was so. No blame was attached, no censure cast, upon any one. Our rule is, to treat all brethren as equals, & from this rule we shall not knowingly deviate.

In your wish that "alienation of affection among brethren of the mission, may be known only in history that has passed", we all most feelingly unite. It is a most solemn duty for all the brethren to dismiss every unpleasant feeling towards each other, & to be of one heart & of one mind in the prosecution of their great work. Nothing will be more sure, if known, to injure your mission in the estimation of good people in India & America, than dissension among the brethren; & such things cannot be long hid. At all events the Holy & blessed Spirit will know all about them, & will be grieved, & perhaps will forsake the mission. Let christian love bind the several members of the mission family together, or it will be scarcely possible for the mission to be happy or prosperous.

You will see by the letter to Mr. Ramsey, what provision the Comte have made for conveyance & travelling expenses. The remark you make concerning Mr. Frost is entirely new to me. You must be mistaken in supposing that the mission was censured by the Comte for advancing him money to purchase furniture. I cannot say, indeed, what incidental remark may have escaped Mr Evarts in the haste of writing. Indeed there must have been something to have induced his widow to refund the money — a fact I never knew before. — You say "we have a Library & Librarian who is responsible for all the books — things do not perhaps go at such loose ends here as you imagine". You probably did not understand me. You will see by the last Report, that we are desirous of having a uniform system with regard to books, carried through all the missions, & of having at the Missionary Rooms a complete catalogue of the books, belonging to the Board, at the several missions. Such a catalogue I will thank the Librarian to forward us soon as may be convenient. If we know what books you have, we shall of course know what you have not, & shall be far more likely to send you the books you need.

I am more & more inclined to believe that experience will prove that, in general, it is more economical to hire houses in Bombay, than it is to build or to purchase. What suits the taste & convenience of one man, often does not the taste & convenience of another who comes after him. There have been several instances of this kind at Bombay already. At least I now think of two.

Your views of the design of the Comte in authorizing Mr. Allen to finish his house at the expense of the Board, are correct. The case which was finally brought before the mission for their consideration, was unauthorized by the Comte; but with a standing rule of the Board, prohibiting all agents & missionaries of the Board from purchasing real estate, without express permission from the Committee,

I do not see how the mission, or you as its Treasurer, could have made the purchase. That rule ought on no account to be violated.

Mr Allen requested permission to return to the United States in consequence of the death of his wife, & the Coun^ll granted him permission so to do. As we are daily expecting him, the Coun^ll will take no step with regard to his house at present. Mr. Hill says, no order for Greek type was ever received from Mr. Garratt. We are wholly at a loss as to what type you need, & therefore cannot send a supply.

The Coun^ll gave much attention to question whether it is expedient to procure Mahratta types in this country, & came to the conclusion, that it is not, at present. The punches & matrices alone, for a single fount, would have cost twelve hundred & fifty dollars, & probably 1500 dollars!

The mission had better be supplied from Calcutta or England. We hope Mr. & Mrs Sampson will arrive safely at Bombay. Desiring affectionate regards from Mrs A. & myself to Mrs. Stone, I am very truly yours

R Anderson

Rev Hollis Reed } Missionary Rooms, Boston Mar. 15 1833
Ahmednuggur India } My Dear Sir

I wrote you on the 17th of December, & since then have received nothing from you. You will see by the accompanying statement that we are all anxious here, to send you helpers & supply the place of those who have been removed. I am sorry to say that we have not yet any man in view, who is both qualified & disposed to be sent to the Bombay mission. Still you must not be discouraged, but pray & labor & faint not. The Lord is only trying your faith & that of your brethren, as I fully believe. He is trying also the faith of the church, & when his wise & holy purposes are accomplished, he will make his goodness to pass before us in another form.

Desiring affectionate regards to Mrs Reed, I am my dear Sir very truly yours R Anderson

To the Brethren of the Missionary Rooms Boston Mar. 16 1833
Bombay mission

Dear Brethren

Your joint letter by the hands of Mr Graves, was received on the 11th of January; together with a letter signed by Mr. Ramsey in behalf of the mission, on the subject of an addition to your annual allowance.

Respecting Mr. Graves, I am happy to say that his health appears to have been considerably improved by his voyage. Mrs. Graves, & the little child, were in excellent health. The child is with his maternal grandparents, & Mr. & Mrs Graves are at present with friends in Vermont. Mrs. Garratt, was at Utica, N.Y. a short time since.

Mr. Graves was desirous of superintending the casting of a fount of Mahratta type in Boston. Indeed he proposed the casting of two founts. It was found on inquiry, however, that the punches & matrices alone of a single fount, would cost from twelve to fifteen hundred dollars, & the design was abandoned for the present. As the demand for types increases at Bombay, the quality of the type will be likely to improve. Perhaps you may be supplied from England. Mr. Jampson was instructed to make particular inquiry respecting the type which can be procured at Calcutta.

The resolution adopted by the Com^ee in respect to your travelling expenses, is as follows:

"Resolved — that the missionaries at Bombay be allowed twenty rupees per month, for conveyance, horse hire, and travelling expenses in addition to the allowances voted them by the Com^ee on the 29th of February 1832; it being understood that this grant is made with a view to facilitate the intercourse of missionaries & their wives with the natives especially in the superintendence of their schools." — A more particular notice of this subject will be found in the letter to Mr Ramsey.

I enclose a copy of our annual address to the churches, as the Herald containing it may be longer on the way than this letter. You will there see what are the

plans of the Com^tee for the present year. but how far they will be able to carry these plans into execution remains to be seen. The only difficulty in the way is the want of men. As yet we have none for Bombay.

Enclosed also are two copies of a printed Circular to the Missionaries of the Board beyond sea, to which we ask your immediate & serious attention. The subject is great enough to demand a special & solemn conference of your mission. The question whether your mission shall be speedily and very much enlarged in respect to men & means, perhaps will be very much affected by your answers to these inquiries. We cannot constrain men to go to particular fields, in any manner except by the presentation of motives; & for these we must depend chiefly on the missionaries in the field. I can only say that any thing you can do for your mission, during the time now at your to give a deliberate, full & elaborate answer to these inquiries, can be so important to its future prosperity.

By the Ship America, which takes this letter to Calcutta we send the usual publications, together with copies of the Annual Report, and of Messrs Smith & Dwight's Researches in America.

I am Dear Brethren, very affectionately & truly Yours

R Anderson

To the Brethren of the Ceylon Mission

Missionary Room, Boston Mar 16 1833

Dear Brethren

With this we send you several copies of a printed Circular to the Missionaries of the Board beyond sea, to which we request your speedy & earnest attention. The Circular will speak for itself. I would say, however, in behalf of the churches represented by the Board that we wish to finish our part of the work in Jaffna as soon as possible; & to know just how much we ought to attempt in the other parts of Ceylon & among the Tamul race of the adjacent continent. A great deal will depend on your answers to these questions in reference to the several fields concerning which

you are to report.

We also send you enclosed a copy of our annual address to the churches, from which you will learn the plans of the Com^tee for the present year. How far those plans can be executed, is not yet known.

We have now four missionaries engaged for Ceylon; Mr. Apthorp, Mr Hutchings, Mr. Echard, & Mr. Hoisington. The last was bred a printer, but has been a successful pastor for two years. It is now decided that these four shall all go out together, Providence permitting; & we hope to find a passage for them next Summer to Colombo or Madras.

I learn from the past journals of your mission, that you have a printing press, Tamul types, & a quantity of English type. These may all be considerably worn by this time; & the Com^tee have determined to send you out a complete printing establishment, next Summer to be set up at Batticotta, under the care, for the present of Mr Hoisington, unless you can obtain a printer, & secure him for direct ministerial service elsewhere. This fact I mentioned to Mr. Winslow in a letter sent by way of Malaga & Madras in February. The vessel sailed on short notice from N. York.

Mr. Hill is authorized by the Com^tee to send as a sacramental service, & a bell of four or five hundred pounds weight. By the way, your request for these articles was so expressed, that one of the Com^tee hesitated about granting them, on the ground that it was not certain that you needed them enough to authorize the Board to give them. We go upon the plan now, of asking the patrons of the cause for as large a donation as we can obtain, on a year, & not repeat the application again during the year so that you had better say explicitly what things you need, & then let the Com^tee judge whether they can be supplied.

In addition to the questions in the printed Circular, I would propose the following:

1. How many names for boys & girls have you yet unappropriated?
2. How soon will these names be all applied?
3. Ought we to receive any more names for boys & girls to be educated in your boarding school, & if so, how many?
4. Shall we encourage the friends of the cause to support scholars in the Seminary, & at what cost should you be in favor of their doing this?
5. Shall we encourage them to support native preachers, or catechists; & if so, at what cost?
6. Shall we encourage them to name & support native free schools &c &c?

This is a troublesome way of doing business, & I do not propose these inquiries because we have any partiality towards it: but to bring the matter to a good understanding. We wish to know your views & wishes precisely, & to have that done which is for the best. There is a strong leaning in the community too and specific appropriations of charity. Is there any objection to our publishing, as freely as we do, what we find in your journals about your beneficiaries & native preachers? I mean is there danger of rendering them vain & proud?

I enclose part of a report made to the Board concerning salaries. You will see what use was made of communications from Ceylon. The Comte have recently made an allowance to the Brethren at the Bombay of 20 rupees per month for travelling expenses, conveyance, &c.; the grant being made, in consequence of representations received from them & "with a view to facilitate the intercourse of missionaries & their wives with the natives, especially in the superintendence of the schools." I mention this, because I have heretofore sent you a statement of the previous allowances.

We send Reports, pamphlets & newspapers as usual, copies of Smith & Dwight's Researches in America, & new year's presents for your children, which, though they will reach you late in the year, were actually selected on the first day of January.

We shall endeavor to induce the captain of the

ship, which takes out the four brethren to Ceylon, to bring home Mr. Meigs & his company.
Wishing you great grace, I am Dear Brethren,
very affectionately & truly Yours
R Anderson

Mr William C Lampson, Calcutta } Missionary Room Boston Mar 16 1833
My Dear Sir
Thinking it probable that the America may reach Calcutta before you leave, I address these few lines & a small parcel to you, to the care of our good friend Mr. Pearce. You will thus learn how the Lord continues to smile upon us. I trust the same Lord favors you & your wife with his glorious presence in a land of strangers.
While in Calcutta make very particular inquiries respecting the quality & cost of the Mahratta types to be obtained there, as the mission will soon be obliged to procure type from some quarter.
We all remember you & Mrs L. with interest. Referring you to the accompanying publications for intelligence & desiring affectionate remembrance to Mrs L. I am
affectionately yours
R Anderson

Rev Samuel Munson, Brunswick Me } Missionary Room Boston March 15 1833
My Dear Sir
I was glad to receive a note from you by Mr Tracy, & to learn by that & by him, that you & your brethren are so well satisfied with your lectures, & your advantages generally for obtaining the knowledge you are seeking. We have evidence in addition to your letter that the interest in missions is growing in Maine. This morning we had a letter from Mr Pomeroy, of Bangor, informing us that his church had voted to raise $600 this year for supporting a missionary in some foreign field; which, I presume, is some three or four times as much as they ever contributed in any one year before. There is evidence enough that

the public mind in our churches is susceptible to motive, & appeals on this subject, to a degree & an extent, wholly unexampled in this, & I believe, in any country, since the age of the apostles. — All that we want, I might almost say, is that the spirit of the apostles should return and light on ministers and candidates for the ministry, to inspire them with enterprise & ardor to engage personally in the work of evangelists to the unevangelized. To rain up & secure the men demands constant & growing attention. One thing is very favorable, — in all our Seminaries the number of candidates for missionary service in the lower classes, exceeds that in the Senior classes, in a very unusual degree. There is also apparent in many of the colleges an inquiry, & in many instances, a self devotion, before unknown. So that we live in hope. — We have appointed one missionary a Mr. Abel B. Barber, graduated at Amherst in 1830 or '31 & now studying theology with Rev. Mr. McLean of Fairhaven Ct. Probably Mr Lyman will remember him. He proposes to go to the Indians.

I send you the copy of Tomlin's Journal which I will thank you to preserve & return to the Rooms as our other copy, from which we are publishing extracts in the Herald, will be much marked & otherwise defaced.

We are aware that the period of your lectures is hurrying to a close, & we are on the lookout for a vessel, & shall make all the search we can in hopes of making little delay after you shall be ready. We have written to New York on the subject. Still the time of your embarkation is a matter that we cannot control. Speaking of the close of your lectures you say, "Till then we shall wait patiently; but after that time, the Board cannot think us unreasonable, if we manifest an impatience to be gone." If you mean by this that we cannot think you unreasonable, if you shall manifest a strong desire to be in the field with as little delay as possible — it is all right. We will not think you so, we shall have the same desire for you. But, if you mean that you shall

be fretful & complaining, & shall find fault with the Com^ee & with us for not sending you, when we can find no suitable conveyance, then we can & shall think you very unreasonable, & shall tell you so: because, if you reflect on the subject, & place confidence in our statements, you cannot but see that the fault is not with us or with the Com^tee. If a voyage to Batavia or Singapoore were like going from Portland to Boston, or from N.York to Liverpool, we might say that you should go by the Packet on the first or 10th of June, & you might reasonably find fault, if we, without an adequate cause, did not secure a passage & see that all necessary arrangements were made. But when you consider that the trade between this country & ports in the Indian ocean is very irregular, — sometimes many vessels going within a short time, & then again few or none for many months, — & that many of the voyages are secret, or got up with so much dispatch that we should not be likely to hear of them till it should be too late, & further that not a few ship owners & masters would be strongly averse to having, & some of them would absolutely refuse to have missionaries on board their vessels, — it seems to me that it should not be thought strange by you, or any occasion for complaining of us or Providence, if you should be detained actually in a waiting attitude for some weeks. We have no possible motive for desiring that it should be so. — We hope it will not be so — & we shall do all we can to prevent its being so. But we cannot control the times & places of merchants who care nothing about us or our object — we cannot charter a ship to carry you — we cannot send you there without one. To murmur & be uneasy under such detention would be thought, & would be really unreasonable and wicked. It would make you & us unhappy, & be likely to lay a foundation for distrust & unhappiness in your subsequent intercourse with the Board. If your desire to go without delay, which our reasonable & proper cannot be gratified, all that remains is, to acquiesce, & to spend the time of your detention in doing

good at home, qualifying yourself for your future labors, & to do this cheerfully & good-naturedly, assured that the Lord has some wise purpose to accomplish, in relation to yourself or his cause, even by such a trial of your faith & patience. While I write this I can sympathize with you very well. I presume that waiting - waiting - cannot be more painful to you than it is to me. You may have the work of a missionary better than I, & be more solicitous for the salvation of the heathen than I - but you cannot dislike waiting more. -- The family all wish to be remembered to yourself & Mr. Lyman. All are well except John Evarts, who has been confined to the house, & under the operation of medicine for a fortnight, in consequence of a pulmonary affection. We are not without concern as to the issue, as the symptoms are little, if at all, mitigated by medical treatment. - Secure as many good missionary physicians as you can - We are glad to hear of the favorable prospect. With affectionate regards to Mr. Lyman & Mr Johnson, & Mr. Adams & his wife, I remain

Yours truly

David Greene

Rev. Joshua Leavitt } Missionary Rooms Boston March 20 1833
New York city } Dear Brother

Your inquiries as to the occasion we now have for the service of missionary printers, ought to have been answered some days since. I hope you will attribute the delay to a sort of necessity which you have long since learned how to understand.

Our Comité propose dividing the Mediterranean printing establishment, but there is no prospect that printers from this country will be demanded there at present, as we have one or two very promising journeymen at Malta.

We have just sent a printer to Malta, & one is engaged for China. We send a printing establishment to Ceylon next Summer, but one of the missionaries to go there is to educate a printer, & may superintend the press, while he is acquiring the language. We may need a printer for Ceylon

in 1834 or 1835.

We have three printers, or nearly that, at the Sandwich Islands, & need no more there at present. It is uncertain whether a mission will be undertaken at the Washington Islands. Should our Board occupy those Islands, rather than the London Society, we should probably send a press to them in 1834 or 1835.

It is not improbable that several other printing establishments may be established before the expiration of 1835; but we cannot now speak positively.

Such are the facts. In time past we have had great difficulty in procuring first rate printers; & just at this moment, when several offer their services, there seem not to be openings.

With these facts in view, you will be able to advise Mr. North what course to take.

I am Dear Brother very truly yours
R Anderson

Mr. S. Wells. Williams, Missionary Rooms Boston Mar. 20 1833
Utica N.Y.

My Dear Sir

Your father has informed me that you will soon be in readiness to proceed to China. I have accordingly written to our friend Mr. Olyphant (one of the original proposers of the China mission) to know how soon he will have a vessel going. I expect to hear from him in a few days, & will then write you again. We shall wish you to make us a visit in Boston before you embark, that we may have a full personal conference with you in reference to your future duties. It will be time enough however, to determine when this visit shall be made, after you hear from me again.

You will need a Pass port from the Secretary of State at Washington, which is obtained gratis by enclosing a certificate of your citizenship from a Notary Public, with a request that he will send you a Pass port to visit the countries of southeastern Asia. —

You will need sea clothes for a five or six months voyage, but most of your clothing for China wear can as well be procured in China. You will be allowed from the Treasury of the Board what is necessary for your outfit, & travelling expenses to Boston and the place of embarkation.

May you be divinely prepared for your work, and enter upon it with great simplicity and fervency of spirit. I am my dear sir with respectful regards to your father very truly yours R Anderson

Rev. George Cowles
Danvers Mass

Missionary Rooms Boston March 21 1833

Dear Brother

The plan devised for the education of the children of the Ceylon missionaries in this country, is found at page 28 of the Missionary Herald for 1831. An act of the Com^tee is necessary before any thing can be drawn from the Treasury for Warren, & for this purpose there should be an application from Warren's guardian. If Dea. Poor is his guardian, I wish he would make such an application before next Tuesday evening. If Prof. Hitchcock is, then the application should come from him. You perceive that the whole amount which Warren can receive for his education is limited. I do not know what will be due to him, but his father can tell. But if an application is made, I think the Com^tee will appropriate £16. 4s per annum (at the rate of 4.44 cents the £.) until we hear from Mr. Poor. The balance necessary for him can probably be made up from other sources. The support of Mr. Poor in Ceylon, is not affected by the allowance made by the Board to his son.

There is happily scarcely any reason to believe that the wreck seen near the Equator was the Hellespont. It is supposed to be the wreck of an English convict ship for Botany Bay. You are aware that none of the passengers in the Hellespont were missionaries, or in any wise connected with the Board. I thought from your manner of speaking, that you supposed they were. We felt however

great interest in the voyage.
Desiring to be affectionately remembered to Mr. Cooley, I am very truly yours R Anderson
P. S. It is possible that the Hoogly from this port may be the unfortunate ship.

Boston March 23 1833

My Dear Sir

The statement in Captn. Morrill's Narrative of his voyages & discoveries, recently published in your City, with letters subsequently received from him & representations concerning his credibility received from some individuals in New York, led our Committee to take some steps towards sending an exploring mission of two men to the Western Coast of Patagonia in S. America. Some great inaccuracies, however, have lately been proved upon Captn. M's book in relation to the coast of California & of course bring all the rest of his statements into doubt. I have inquired in several directions but can find nobody who has been on the western coast at Patagonia, unless it be Mr S. E. Burrows of New York. Mr Williams of New London thinks he must be acquainted with the coast. Mr Williams is acquainted with Mr Burrows and will inquire of him. We are so anxious, however, to obtain precise information concerning this coast, & with little delay, that I beg leave to ask you, should it be in your power to see Mr Burrows & converse with him on the subject. The reason of my making this request of you, rather than of Mr Tracy, is, that we may be obliged to risque a good deal upon the intelligence derived from that quarter; whether it be determined to send the mission or not.

The part of the Western Coast concerning which we need information, is between Lat 47 °S & the Straits of Magellan; — nature of the Coast & of the climate, numbers, character, & habits of the people, whether two unmarried missionaries could live among them safely & how subsist for six months or a year, how travel among them, whether Whaling ships, or Sealing ships touch along the

the Coast & where, how often, & whether it will be possible to send these missionaries in them, & when & from what place; whether the Chilian government claims that Coast &, & would object to our planting a mission upon it; where would be the best plan for landing our explorers, should such be sent, &c. &c. Is the climate more severe in 47°S than it is in the neighborhood of Boston? Are Southern latitudes as severe as the same Northern parallels? Is the Coast iron bound, barren, inhospitable or easy of access & fertile? Our men expect to brave some dangers, if they can know what they will be & to live upon poor fare.

Such are some of the points on which we need to have Capt Morrells statements confirmed before it would be proper to take further steps in relation to this enterprise. Should you be acquainted with Mr Barrows you will not find it difficult to bring them into a free conversation. He has been long engaged in the sealing business, & was I believe one of Capt. Morrill's employers; we are informed also, that he has actually performed one voyage as master — You will of course excuse the trouble we give you, considering the motive & the necessity.

We have now a pretty long communication prepared for your Board of Managers, in which we make what may seem to some of them large requests of Scriptures for some of our missions. It will be sent immediately after Tuesday next: we ask for from 3 to 5000 dollars annually for the missionaries in the Marquesas Country, for authority from the Board to mission to print an edition of 10,000 Copies of the Samoan N.T. or at least of the N.T. — for authority to print the Chinese N.T. as fast the American missionaries can dispose of them judiciously — and for authority to print 10000 copies Hawaiian O.T. to be granted without delay. We have been waiting for the information necessary to show the propriety of these requests. It will be very important that we know soon what we may expect from the Amer. Bible Society because our missionaries must have the Holy scriptures from some quarter. The Phil. Bible Society has expressed a desire to help us, how we better apply to that Society? Should we not get the necessary help from the American Bible Society, I presume our Committee would authorize the missionaries to do as they have repeatedly done: print the N.T. at the expense of the Board. I feel confident, however, that your managers will not impose upon our agents the necessity of soliciting money

for printing the scriptures any one of the languages of mankind
I am dear Sir R. A.

Eleazer Lord, Esqr.
New York city

Boston March 23d 1833

Mr James Read Eckard
Theol Sem Princeton

My Dear Sir

My own opinion is, that it is better for a missionary, going to Ceylon, to go married (provided her wife possesses the right spirit) than single; & we have had occasion to form a very favorable opinion of the lady you mention. Thus much I feel at liberty to say. With regard to the disposal of your time until you are called to embark, (& we cannot at this moment say precisely when that will be, whether in the latter part of June, or in July, or August) we must leave that to your discretion. It is a general rule, of very obvious propriety in relation to missionaries going beyond sea, that the marriage should be deferred, if possible, till the time of embarkation is fixed & till within a very few weeks of that time;— Praying the Lord to guide you, I am, my dear Sir
very truly yours
R. A.

March 23, 1833.

Messrs. Mac Kintosh & Co,
Calcutta.

Wrote them saying that we sent them a box, by the ship America, containing 2 paper bundles for Bombay, 2 for Ceylon, & one addressed to themselves containing pamphlets for gentlemen in Calcutta, &c. Also a parcel of letters to be sent to Bombay & Ceylon by mail.
R. A.

Rev William Ellis
London

Missionary Room, Boston March 25 1833

My Dear Brother

I wrote you on the 2d of January

& 18th of February. Since then I have received your Missionary Annual & I thank you for so acceptable a present. I highly approve of it, & hope you will continue the series from year to year. We send you by way of New York, a copy of Messrs Smith & Dwight's "Researches in Armenia", for yourself, & two copies for your Society. We also address a copy to Mr Arundel.

Enclosed you have a copy of a Circular we are sending to all our missionaries beyond sea; & I shall be very much obliged if you will favor me with copies of any similar circulars sent to your missionaries. It is a blessed work in which we are engaged, but we need all the lights we can obtain in performing it.

Be so good as to inform me what expense is incurred by letters, pamphlets, & books, going from this country, before they come into your hands. We shall be thankful also for any suggestions, which shall prevent us from subjecting you to unnecessary expenses. I have often wished that we had some trust worthy agent in London, who, for a reasonable compensation, would purchase the books we have occasion to obtain from thence, & ship them, & do any other service we need to have done. Till you can name such a man, I see not but we must sometimes trouble you with our requests; — engaging, however, to make what returns we can in the way of similar services.

Mr. Ropes, of St Petersburg, has sent us in manuscript, a series of letters on missions, written by your missionary Mr. Stallybrass. Mr. R. says a copy has also been sent to you. I have not yet read any one of these letters, & therefore know not how deserving they are of being made perfect. But however deserving I see not how we can with propriety make use of them. The manuscript is at your command & will be disposed of according to your wishes. The letters must be remarkably good, not to be superceded by the letters of Mr. Swan, which have been republished in this country.

By the way, in the next parcel please send a copy of Mr. Hough's "Missionary Vade Mecum." The cost of it charge to the debit of our Board.

I confess my mind to have been a good

deal pained of late by the declarations of a respectable Shipmaster belonging to Salem. He says your missionaries at the Society Islands not only treat visitors at their houses with ardent spirits, (he excepts Mr. Baiff,) but sell the pernicious article to the natives! The name of the Captain I refer to, is Driver; he is the man who carried back the inhabitants of Pitcairns Island. Capt Driver is now regarded in the congregation where he worships (formerly Dr Worcesters) as a pious man, & is one of the few seamen who never drank ardent spirits in his life, & he has resolved never to traffic in it again. He however took I know not how many barrels off rum to the South Pacific, & says he sold a number of barrels to your missionaries to be used in barter with the natives. He says he has the papers in his possession by which he can prove the sale of the spirits, & he speaks very confidently with regard to the design of the purchaser. I do not find that he has mentioned the fact to the enemies of missions; but, judging from the frank, off hand manner of the man in the single interview I have had with him, I fear the story may get abroad; & such is the tide of feeling among our patrons, against the use of ardent spirits, & the traffic in them, that such a story, if believed, would do great injury to the cause of missions. I write you with a brother's freedom, & because I fear there is some foundation for his remark, & yet have strong hope that you can furnish me with an antidote to the evil.—

I ought to add that Capt. Driver appears to be a genuine friend to missionary operations, & speaks respectfully of the missionaries at the Society Islands, & of the general influence of the missions. He has written me an account of his intercourse with the Pitcairn Islanders, of which he has promised me a copy. I have also some statements of Mr. Hunnewell in answer to J. H. James calumnies, originally prepared to send you. I would send them if I thought there was occasion for them.

Please say to Mr. Arundel that I received his favor of Oct 30th. The pamphlets he requests have been forwarded to New York for him. We should be obliged by a copy of the

Cession of Mataveie for our Rooms. He says you are wanting some copies of the "Herald", & to complete sets. Please supply that. Please present my salutations to Mr. Arundel. Desiring with Mrs. Anderson, to be affectionately remembered to Mrs. Ellis & your children,

I am most truly yours.

R. Anderson

To the Secretaries of the Missionary Rooms Boston March 20 1833
American Bible Society } Dear Brethren

The following Resolutions were adopted at the meeting of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in October last; viz.

Resolved, — That this Board acknowledges with lively sensibility the donations of $5000 for printing and circulating the Holy Scriptures and parts thereof, in the Mahratta language, by the Mission at Bombay, & $5,000 for the like object in the language of the Sandwich Islands, voted by the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society in the month of November last.

Resolved — That the Prudential Committee be instructed to communicate the above resolution to the Managers of the American Bible Society, together with such information as the Committee possess relative to the progress which has been made in printing the Scriptures, under the encouragement derived from the timely & liberal grants above mentioned; — a reference to the period within which the expenditures for these objects will render it desirable to receive the sums granted, or portions thereof; — a notice of the existing facilities & calls for further expenditures for like objects, in connection with the missions of this Board in the course of the ensuing year; — and an expression of the fervent desire & hope entertained by this Board, that the National Bible Society may be enabled, in connection with its other foreign operations, to supply the growing demands for the Holy Scriptures at all our missionary stations."

It devolves upon us, in behalf of the Prudential Committee to make this communication to your Board of Managers.

The reason why we have made it no sooner is, that we have waited to receive information from some of our missions

We shall now communicate such of the facts in our possession as appear to be of sufficient importance to claim the attention of your Society — following the order in the topics of the second resolution of our Board.

1. No time was lost in acquainting the missionaries in Bombay and at the Sandwich Islands with the liberal grants of your Society; & they were instructed to urge onward the printing of the Scriptures with the full expectation that the moneys wanted in due time be received. The distance of these missions is such, that only time enough has elapsed for us to know, that the missions were encouraged and stimulated by the resolutions of your Managers, & resolved to accomplish their benevolent intentions as fast as possible.

2. We have the happiness to acknowledge the receipt of the sum of $5000 voted to the Sandwich Islands mission; viz. $2000 received on the 15th of February & the residue a few days since. This appropriation, by leave of Providence, will be transmitted to the islands, by the ship Lagoda, which is expected to sail at the close of the next month. It will all be needed as soon as it reaches the island as will be seen by the statements in a subsequent part of this communication.

Of the grant to the Bombay mission, no part has yet been received. The facts about to be mentioned will justify the opinion that a speedy remittance of three thousand dollars of this grant, if not of the whole, is desirable.

3. We are instructed to notice the existing facilities & calls for the printing and distribution of the Holy Scriptures, in connection with the several missions of the Board. We begin

(1.) With the Bombay mission; — premising, that a Circular has just been issued to this and other missions of the Board, which, will secure, in the course of the years 1834 & 1835, a much larger amount of information that will be of use to your Society in respect to its foreign operations, than we are now able to furnish.

The whole of the New Testament, and the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, & Numbers, and a part of Deuteronomy, with the book of Psalms, have been translated into the

Mahratta language, by the American Missionaries. The versions are made from the original languages.

The version of the New Testament has gone through two editions; besides which, two or more editions of the books of Matthew, Luke, John, and the Acts had been previously issued, and the short Epistles had been printed in a separate book. Reckoning the excess of some portions above others, there have been printed what would be equivalent to about 10,000 copies of the entire New Testament. Three editions of the book of Genesis have also been printed; the number of copies of this book altogether amounting to about 6,000.

Most of the copies of Genesis and of the New Testament have been put in circulation.

The expense of the two editions of Matthew, John, and Acts, & of the first edition of Genesis, was defrayed, we believe, from the Treasury of our Board. That of the residue was generously sustained by the Auxiliary Bible Society of Bombay, aported, we are informed, as to paper, by the Parent Society in London.— The same Auxiliary Society has printed at the American mission press, since the first edition of our version of the New Testament, a version of Matthew by Dr. Taylor, of Bombay; & still more recently, a version of the same book by the Rev Mr. Mitchell, of the Church Missionary Society.

The Rev. Allen Graves, (one of the missionaries of the Board, who has resided at Bombay during the fourteen years past, & is now on a visit to this country, for the benefit of his health,) says, that the version of Genesis and of the New Testament may very properly be reprinted, with only the correction of typographical errors; & that the versions of Exodus and Leviticus are ready for publication. He thinks that the version of the Psalms, must, also, be in readiness by this time. He is himself busily occupied in revising the New Testament, & will send his revised copy to Bombay as fast as it is prepared. An edition is needed immediately.

The versions made by our missionaries into the Mahratta language, are modelled upon our own English version in this respect,— that they are a literal, and not a free, translation

of the word of God. This fact will recommend them to the patronage of your Society. We think it probable that some of the English missionaries and residents, who are associated with our brethren in the Bombay Auxiliary Society, may not have precisely the same standard of excellence in judging of translations of the Scriptures, which the American mission has adopted. Whether better, or not, we are unable to say. It is desirable that your Society and our missionaries do, if possible, act in concert with the Bombay Society, in supplying the Mahratta people with the word of life. The importance of such a concert, will prevent any one, it is presumed, from being unreasonably tenacious in respect to orthography, style, or whatever else is not essential to "convey "the mind of the spirit" to the benighted natives. It is, perhaps, not easy to demonstrate the comparative merits of different translations of the Scriptures into any one of the languages of India. The following remarks on this subject are quoted from a recent communication of Mr. Graves. "I think," he says, "the judgment of natives in India can by no means decide the merits of our translation. They know nothing of the original, and could not tell whether any book is in the Bible, or not; much less could they judge of its accuracy. And if their judgment of its Mahratta character is wanted, even this it is difficult really to ascertain; because they rarely attend to it sufficiently to obtain or to give a correct view of its character. Almost any Mahratta boy will tell you, that it is intelligible & correct Mahratta, & will prove himself true by giving you the sense it contains. And learned men, that have paid the most attention to it, will assure you that it is intelligible, & more pure Mahratta than is usually found in their own books. Yet there are some learned natives, who will revile it for the sake of speaking against our religion; but their opposition keeps them quite ignorant of both, & makes them poor judges. As to the capacity of the population generally to obtain printed books it is commonly very great; yet usually not

such, that they will purchase any book on the Christian religion." Mr. Graves conjectures that about one in forty of the Mahratta people are able to read. At this rate the number of readers in that language would be from three to four hundred thousand. Various causes, in addition to the missionary schools, increase the number of readers from year to year. The extent to which missionaries may distribute the Scriptures is also increasing, both because they enjoy greater facilities for making tours for this purpose, & because they may employ a greater number of faithful natives in the work. Mr. Graves thinks that each missionary, with proper attention to the subject, may distribute, on an average, 2000 copies in a year, especially of the more important portions of the Scriptures. The present number of American missionaries in the Mahratta country, is five, & it is in contemplation to increase the number. — On the whole from three to five thousand dollars placed, annually, at the disposal of the American missionaries, among the Mahratta people, may be advantageously employed in printing & distributing the Scriptures in the Mahratta language; & it would probably be well, should the managers of your Society see fit, to allow the grant to be expended through the Auxiliary Bible Society of Bombay, whenever a majority of the members of the American mission think favorably of such a course.

(2.) Ceylon Mission. We have the happiness to say that the restrictions hitherto imposed upon this mission by the British Government have been removed, & it is expected that four additional preachers of the gospel will be sent to the island during the present year. One of these was formaly a printer; and it is the intention of the Board to send out a printing establishment with this reinforcement, that the missionaries may have the means of printing the Scriptures for their own use. What opportunities they will have for distributing the Scriptures among the Tamul people, will be apparent when you consider a few facts. The Tamul language is spoken by the 200,000 inhabitants of the

district of Jaffna, in the midst of which the mission is situated. The five missionaries now on the ground are familiar with the language, & have constant intercourse with the natives. They are assisted by three native preachers, & by twenty eight other pious natives educated by themselves, and employed as catechists, readers, & superintendants, & visiters of schools. Besides these there are 83 members of the mission seminary, a college, of whom 38 are members of their mission church, & nearly all are occasionally sent out into the villages with the Scriptures and religious tracts. There are also 76 boarding scholars entirely under the care and direction of the mission; & 95 free schools, 30 of which are taught by pious natives belonging to the mission church. And these schools scattered through perhaps a dozen of the 35 parishes, into which the district was divided by the Portuguese some centuries since, & contain between three and four thousand scholars. Thus the mission has a great and admirable machinery, by which to operate in Jaffna. Nor are the operations of this mission to be restricted to Jaffna. Upon the neighboring Coromandel coast the Tamul language is spoken by eight or nine millions of people, & among these the mission is expected to extend its branches soon after the new missionaries arrive. It will send thither also a detachment of the educated Tamul youth now at its disposal. It should be stated, moreover, that the time has come for still more vigorous movements in Jaffna, & the missionaries have been instructed to extend their schools to the utmost limit, to which they can be carried without losing the Christian character; but without the Scriptures, or parts of them in greater abundance than heretofore supplied, the mission must be seriously embarrassed in this species of effort, so unquestionably beneficial.

In view of these facts, we would respectfully state, that the American missionaries in Ceylon need to be authorized from some quarter to print an edition of

ten thousand copies of the Tamul Scriptures, or at least of the Tamul New Testament. The cost of such an edition we have not the means of knowing. The missionaries would be economical in the expenditure; & whatever the cost might be, it would readily be met by the churches of the United States.

(3.) China Mission. The Board has two missionaries in constant intercourse with the Chinese, and five more are on the point of sailing for Southeastern Asia. A greater number would be sent into that populous region of the earth during the present year, could they be obtained; & a greater number will be sent as soon as possible. South Eastern Asia is probably destined to become one of the principal theatres of American Missions. The Managers of your Society will, however, very properly indulge the opinion that the Missionaries will be but imperfectly furnished for their work without the lively oracles in the language of the people. For the present, we say nothing of the Siamese, & Malay Scriptures. For them we may perhaps now look with propriety to the British & Foreign Bible Society. But we ask your attention to an need of the Chinese Scriptures. Within two years, our missionaries will require a considerable edition of a part at least of the sacred writings in the Chinese language. Whence shall we obtain them? Shall we go to the great British Institution? Shall an edition be printed at the expense of the Board? We look to the American Bible Society. Will not your Board of Managers think it proper to authorize the American missionaries, laboring among the Chinese, to act as their almoners, with authority to print & distribute the Holy Scriptures in the Chinese language as fast as they can find a demand for them promising well to the cause of christianity?

(4.) We pass the Mediterranean Mission with the remark, that at no distant day it may probably be necessary to make a separate communication respecting the several great fields embraced within the

sphere of that mission. Our missionaries distribute the Scriptures in Greek, Arabic, Turkish, and Armenian; and will probably soon need them in Syriac, for the Nestorian christians of Oormiah in Persia.

(5.) The Sandwich Islands. The missionaries at the Sandwich Islands, now twenty in number, are accustomed to hold an annual meeting for consultation, business, &c. At their annual meeting in June last, the grant voted by your Society was made known to them, & gave rise to the following resolutions on the part of the mission; viz

here follows a [copy from pp 24, 25 of printed ~~annual~~ minutes of the annual ~~to minutes of the~~ meeting of the Mission.]

The number of natives able to read the New Testament, as reported to the meeting which adopted the foregoing resolution, was 23,127. That number is continually increasing while the books which are circulated are wearing out. The art of reading is a novelty among the Sandwich Islanders, and the native who has acquired it, naturally wishes to own a book, and will pay for it in the produce of his island; & what book so important for him to own as the New Testament? The 20,000 copies of course will not long be a supply.

The last sheet of the Hawaiian New Testament was printed in May last, about the time of your anniversary. A revised copy was to be put to press as soon as possible at the expense of your Society.

The greater part of the Old Testament is translated, & it is time that an edition of ten thousand copies of the Old Testament be published. We should rejoice if a resolution from your Society authorizing so large an edition could be transmitted to the Islands by the Lagoda. There are three printers and as many presses belonging to the mission, & the missionaries declare their intention of employing 15 or 20 natives in the printing office. It is also in contemplation to send out a book-binder; & more presses will be furnished should they be necessary to execute the benevolent intentions of the Bible

& Tract Societies, & to meet the demands of the native schools, & of the native reading population.

A summary of the present patronage & aid which several of our missionaries beyond sea need for the publication of the Holy Scriptures, is as follows:

By them in the Mahratta country, from 3 to 5,000 dollars.

By them among the Tamul people, authority to print an edition of 10,000 copies of the Scriptures, or at least of the New Testament in the Tamul language.

By them among the Chinese, to print and distribute the Holy Scriptures in the Chinese language as fast as they can do so judiciously. As a check upon them, if that be desirable, a committee of agency might be appointed from among the friends of the cause residing in that part of the world, & well known to members of your Board of Managers.

By them at the Sandwich Islands, authority to print an edition of 10,000 copies of the Old Testament in the Hawaiian language.

(6.) We say nothing at present concerning the missions among the Indians of North America, except that new translations of portions of the Scriptures into the Cherokee & Choctaw & Ojibeway languages, will probably be placed at the disposal of your Society at no very distant day.

Finally:— We are instructed by our Board to express the fervent desire & hope entertained by its members, that the National Bible Society may be enabled, in connection with its other foreign operations, to supply the growing demand for the Holy Scriptures at our missionary stations. The existing demand at a number of these stations, we have endeavored to exhibit in this communication. Judging from the past, from the nature of the case, & from the promises in the Word of God relating to enterprises of this character, we feel assured that this demand will become great and urgent.

Translations of the Scriptures into different languages and dialects, the mechanical power for printing them among the people for whom they are designed, & the numbers able & disposed to read them, are and will be on the increase. The only question is, from whence shall come the adequate

supply? We may express the desire & hope, that it will be through the medium of our National Bible Society.
The liberality of the British & Foreign Bible Society has been great and noble — expansive and disinterested, like the benevolent spirit inculcated in the volume which it is aiming to make the common property of mankind.

But American missionaries ought not to depend on Christians of other countries for their means of benefitting the heathen. The churches of their own native land are able to supply them, & will not refuse. To their Churches, through the medium of the American Bible Society, we therefore venture to look for a full supply of the word of life for our brethren, who, with great self denial, promulgate the Gospel among the unevangelized nations.

We are, dear Brethren, your fellow servants in the Gospel

B. B. W.
R. A.
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} Secretaries of the A. B. C. F. M.

Robert Ralston Esqr
Philadelphia

Missionary Rooms Boston March 29 1833

My Dear Sir

We have four or five missionaries, who, with their wives, are desirous of embarking for Batavia in the months of May or June. Part of the number are destined to Siam, & part to be explorers on the continent, or some of the neighboring islands of southeastern Asia.

Allow me to trouble you with the inquiry, whether there will probably be any vessel going from Philadelphia, in which a part, at least of these missionaries could obtain passage.

I am, Dear Sir, very respectfully & truly yours

R Anderson

Rev. Wm G Schauffler
Constantinople

Missionary Rooms Boston Mar 29 1833

My Dear Sir

Your journal from Smyrna to Odessa, & your letters of Oct 6th & Nov 9th, were acknowledged in a letter to Mr Goodell, dated Feby 11th. We have

now concluded that your previous letters & journal, sent from Constantinople in September, are lost; & we must beg you to send us another copy of your journal up to the time of your arrival at Mizingen, with the more important matters in the lost letters. It is very rare indeed that communications from the Mediterranean have miscarried. We begin to publish from your journal in the May Herald, after stating the probable loss of the former part. I trust you will not regard the labor of a duplicate copy as not worth the pains: rather than fail of sending it by an early conveyance, employ the services of a copyist.

We were anxious to receive the letter from you, in which you make a particular request for Hebrew & Spanish Rabbinic type, before we ordered them. The order however has been sent to Leipsic, & I see nothing to prevent the types being in Malta in the course of the summer. Enough of each has been ordered to print a small volume. The types are procured for us by , and special pains were taken to make the order precise & intelligible.

We rejoice in the encouraging indications you find among the Jews. Go on with your labors for their good without the apprehension that you will be seriously embarrassed for want of pecuniary aid. Only be careful of your health for that is your imperious duty: there are not half as many missionaries going into the field this year as the churches will most cheerfully support. We hope the press will be near you before the expiration of the present year.

Mr. Temple & Mr. Wallock having been instructed by the Com^ee to remove to Smyrna. I cannot help thinking that the unsettled state of the Turkish empire will be favorable to us in the end, & especially to the introduction of the press. At any rate, He who sitteth in the heavens is ordering these events for his own glory.

Your request concerning Mr. Mayenstein is on my memorandum of business, & will be attended to as soon as I know to whom in New Orleans, I can write with a probability of gaining the desired information.

You will of course write an affectionate and heart stirring letter to the Ladies Jews Society.

Mr. Greene has suffered much the past year by the failure of one of his eyes. He is now gone for four or five weeks on a voyage to Charleston, S.C. Dr. Warren is recovering his health, & our employments & prospects were never more as we could desire in respect to the apparent favor of heaven. The public mind is becoming roused to the great subject of foreign missions. I hope the printed circular we send with this will receive the immediate & particular attention of yourself & brethren. The churches must have the facts requested in that circular, & then be urged to occupy the whole ground at once. You will of course give all the information in your power, with regard to the Jews. But let the answers be all drawn up with much prayer to the Father of lights. Such statements with respect to places, as Mr. Goodell has made concerning Broosa, are invaluable. If we had the men we would occupy that place immediately, Providence permitting: the statement will probably secure a man for it in the course of the next year. It is not desired, however, that the replies to the inquiries in the circular should go so much into detail.

In great haste but most affectionately yours

R Anderson

Rev Wm Goodell } Missionary Room, Boston March 20 1833
Constantinople } My Dear Brother

I have time to write you only a few lines. I wrote you under date of Jan. 24th, & to you & Mr. Dwight on the 11th of Feby. Part 1 & 2 of your Tour to Broosa has been received; also your correspondence with Dr. Blumhardt; your letters of Nov. 13, Dec 6, & Dec. 8; a duplicate of your & Mr. Dwight's letter of Nov 9th; and a triplicate of Mr. Todd's journal.

The donation from Mr. Eckford has been acknowledged. His death must have made the Sultan feel on his throne. The Commodore, though admonished by the messenger which called for Mr. E., appears to have been spared.

We have written Dr Blumhardt according to the tenor of the resolutions sent to Mr Dwight under date of Jany 14th. I regret that I did not ask him to send a copy of his reply to Constantinople. This you had better obtain from him. Your letter to him was very judicious. The correspondence had better be continued, taking care not to commit ourselves or the Board to any proposition for union in our plans & efforts beyond what is implied in the most friendly cooperation, & a perfect acquaintance, if desired, with our intention, and plans. The resolutions adopted by the Com^ee have respectfully to Mr. Dettrick. I am disposed to think however, that we may yet be able to assist our German brethren still further, if we can do so without danger of being thereby drawn into embarrassing connections.

Mr. Smith is much occupied just now with his personal business in New London, & reports of a favorable character have reached us from that quarter; but as I have no confirmation of them yet under his hand, I perhaps ought to say no more.

I commend our printed Circular, to the very earnest attention of yourself & the brethren at Constantinople. A good deal will depend on the answers received.

Remember me affectionately to Mr. & Mrs Dwight, & Mrs. Goodell & your children; & believe me most affect^y yours

R Anderson

Rev. Jonas King
Athens, Greece

Missionary Rooms Boston March 30 1833

My Dear Brother

I wrote you on the 11th of Feby; & also in December. I am surprised that our pamphlets, &c. are so slow in going to you. You say, on the 21st of Nov^r, that the last Herald you have received is for the month of March or April. The Herald for March was sent you by the D. Webster March 17; that for April by the Brig Eagle, April 7th; for May by the Schr. Charlotte, April 25; for June by Brig Chumb, June 15; for July, by Brig Holly, June 30; for August & September, by Brig Tiro, Sept. 15; for Oct. by Brig Garnet, Oct 26; for Nov^r & Dec^r, by Ship

Florence, Dec. 10; for January & February of this year, by Jeb. Wizard, Jany 31; other pamphlets were sent by the same conveyance. I will send you the entire volume for last year by the present conveyance, the brig Kingston, Capt Phelps.

Since my last we have received your Journal from August 16 to November 1, 1832; Nikitopolos's report, dated Oct. 25; & your letters of Nov 9 & 21, & Dec 3, with a number of Greek news papers, for which accept my thanks.

I have already written you with respect to Prof. Bambas. If he is the man he was when I was at Corfu, it would doubtless be advisable to secure as much of his services as you can, giving them a religious direction as far as possible. If you employ Anastatios Karavelles, I would be sure that he makes a thoroughgoing use of our books.

The manner in which you lost your school-house is rather singular, but I hope & trust it will be overruled for good. Patience & forbearance are doubtless wise in such cases. I sometimes wish you might be authorized by our Bd to build a school house, but I cannot say that on the whole I should think it would be wise.

What they may do when Greece is more settled, I cannot say. It would be proper for you to receive such a rent for your house, as you would be obliged to give for comfortable accommodations.

I send several printed Circulars, to which, I beg you & Mr. Riggs to give very particular attention. Much must of course depend on your answer to the inquiries there proposed. I feel exceedingly desirous that the answers may be prompt, precise, full, & satisfactory: The churches must hear a loud call from a perishing world.

Please remember me affectionately to Mrs. King, & also to Mr. & Mrs Riggs; and present also my kind regards to Dr. Koch, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Hill, & their wives;

& believe me very truly Yours

R Anderson

Rev Isaac Bird, Missionary Rooms, Boston March 30 1833
Beyroot, Syria

My Dear Brother

I wrote you under date of Jany 24. on the subject of removing the Arabic department of the printing press to Syria. Since then instructions to that effect have been forwarded to Mr. Temple. On the 12th ultto. I wrote a brief letter to Mr. Whiting. Since that date nothing has been received from Syria, except a Triplicate of Mr. Tod's journal of his excursion to Cannobeen.

I send several copies of a printed Circular to Beyroot, & beg the very earnest attention of yourself & the other brethren of the mission to the inquiries there proposed. A good deal must depend on the answers received; and it is time that the churches be made to hear a loud call from a perishing world. Especially do we need a greater number of missionaries. The churches would bear us out in sending forth 50 the present year if we had them, instead of 20 or 25. Now is the time to press the subject of foreign mission, & to urge upon the Church the speedy occupation of the world for Christ.

I have no doubt, dear brother, but you will survey Syria with an enlarged and affecting view of its necessities, & will report to the churches what they ought immediately to attempt, & may hope through divine aid to accomplish. I hope it may be possible for answers to come before the next Annual Report is drawn up. We are particularly desirous that Mt. Lebanon should be laid open to view, & for this you are prepared with ample & many facts of great value.

We have not rec'd a line from Mr Thompson & Dr Dodge since they left us, but have heard of their safe arrival at Malta, & hope they will soon be with you, if they are not already.

Mr & Mrs. Whiting have our sympathies in their affliction. We are all well, except that Mr. Greene suffers much in one of his eyes. From the accompanying publication you will learn the encouraging prospects of the cause

of benevolence in general. Desiring affectionate regards to Mrs Reid, & to all the brethren & sisters, & a respectful remembrance to Mr & Mrs. Abbott, I am as ever, very truly Yours,

R Anderson

Mr. R. J. Van Lennep, Smyrna } Missionary Rooms Boston Mar 30 1833

My dear Sir

By the Brig Kingston, Capt. Philips, I send four paper bundles & a packet of letters to the care of your uncle, of which I beg you will have the goodness to inform him. There is also a small parcel for him, for convenience sake, put into a parcel addressed to Rev Mr. Brewer.

Mr Tilden has gone on a voyage to China, as he has no doubt informed you. I saw him but a few moments after knowing of his voyage, & he then informed me that he had not requested anyone to act in his place with respect to the pecuniary affairs of your brothers, but had referred the whole business to me. This was not such an arrangement as I could have desired, not having myself a fondness for pecuniary transactions; but it was then too late to make any objection. The whole pecuniary responsibility hitherto, as you understand, has rested with Mr. Tilden.

I am glad to do any thing in my power for the lads, as I have a very good opinion of them, & feel a deep interest in their prosperity. I should like to know more than I have done about the amount of their expenses from time to time. I have written to Mr. Fellows, their teacher, (in whose judgment, ability and faithfulness I have great confidence) requesting him to write me with respect to their past, present, & probable future expenses — their progress in study — their present occupations — & what course he thinks they had better pursue for a year to come. This letter I shall send you when I receive it. I should like very well to have Charles

Brown, Esq. Mr. Tilden's son in law associated with me in the guardianship of the lady; but he declines taking the responsibility upon him, his present engagements are so numerous. I should not wish to have a gentleman associated with me, whose religious views were very different from my own. On the whole, I would propose that when you make remittances to this country you (for the present) make them, if in money, to Henry Hill, Esq. the Treas. of our Board; if in articles to be converted into money, that the article be consigned to some merchant, to be by him converted into money, & the proceeds paid over to Mr. Hill. Mr Fellows can then draw on me, & I obtain the money from Mr. Hill.

Most of the schools on the plan of the Mount Pleasant school at Amherst, have gone down. I know not the reason, perhaps it be the amount of their incidental expense; for the schools in general have been excellent. I can think of no more favorable situation for your brothers, than the one they are now in.

Deeming a respectful remembrance to your mother, & uncle, I am my dear sir, very truly Yours

R Anderson

Rev. Thomas P Johnson, Missionary Room, Boston April 5 1833
Statesville N. C. } My Dear Sir

The Prudential Com^ee have taken your case seriously into view, & have agreed in assigning you to the Mediterranean mission. This is, indeed, rather a general designation, but they have not thought it necessary at present to proceed further. Perhaps the fields which most need your labors, and the important Island, mentioned in the address of the Com^ee published a month or two since in the Miss'y Herald. Candia & Cyprus are both large & interesting fields. But your more particular designation may perhaps be left till we have a personal interview.

You now come into my department, and will correspond

with me; — except in regard to your agency, in which you will correspond with Dr Winer. Let our correspondence be always characterized by Christian frankness, confidence, & love.

You will be expected to embark next Autumn. I cannot yet name the month; — perhaps in October. We can speak more definitely in the Summer.

The question will come up about outfit. You will probably embark at Boston. In determining what articles, which are bought at a distance from Boston, cost you, you must add the cost of their transportation to Boston to the cost of their purchase. You can then judge whether to purchase. You will need a Passport from the Secretary of State at Washington. Do not forget this. It is obtained by means of a Notary Public's Certificate of your citizenship. The Passport is obtained gratis.

Your marriage will of course be one of the last things you attend to before coming to embark.

Any inquiries I shall be happy to answer. Praying the Lord to bless you in all your preparations and in all you do, I am, my dear sir

very affectionately yours

R Anderson

Rev. George B Cheever
Salem Mass

Miss. H Room Boston Apl. 5 1833

My Dear Sir

On being informed that Mr. Robinson could not write a Review of Mr. Smith's work, I stated the fact to Mr Everett, & proposed that either he or his brother should prepare an article for the N. American. We agreed on that a Review should be inserted in the number for July, and that my suggestion would be remembered.

The work is every way worthy of a thoroughgoing Review, & of an able article of a kindred character. Mr. A, H. E's researches have been on another tract, and Mr Edw. G. is very much absorbed in studies merely secular. I send you a copy of the work. Supposed

you immediately prepare a review, and send it to Mr. Everett, without saying any thing of your correspondence with me. I have no doubt but he would rejoice to receive it. But should the North American be preoccupied, your Review might come into the American Quarterly Observer, or some other of the literary or religious journals of our country.

You can retain Kranty longer, though I beg you will have the goodness to return it as soon as it may be convenient.

I am my dear Sir very truly Yours
R Anderson

P.S.
I ought perhaps to say, that I was deterred from asking you to write a Review by the fact that you were just about being settled at Salem, and I thought your engagements would probably forbid.

Thomas W. Williams Esq. Mipsy Room Boston April 5 1833
New London Conn.

My Dear Sir

Yours of the 8th and 26th ultimo have both been rec., and I thank you for your very kind attention to my requests. The letter from Mr. Burroughs throws new light on the proposed Patagonian mission, & I have now a strong expectation that he will be in the way of securing our object. Mr Lord of New York, a member of our Board, to whom I wrote before receiving your last, and sent a series of Memorandum to guide his conversations with gentlemen acquainted with the Patagonian coast, says, he put a copy of my Memorandum into the hands of Mr. Burrows, & that Mr. B., though he had just written you on the subject, proposed writing much more particularly. In my letter to Mr. Lord I had taken the liberty to mention Mr. Burrows as being probably acquainted in that part of the world. It is peculiarly gratifying to see how far the accounts of Capt. Morrell are confirmed by his letter to you.

With regard to the Vellebout, the belief here, so far

as I know, is, that the wreck fallen in with by the Man
then was not that vessel. The spars appear to be too
large; the wood of the work-bench, or at least a
part of it, is unlike any on board the Hellespont; &
it would seem that there ought to have been numer-
ous fragments of lumber, & especially of shingles, had
the ill-fated vessel been the Hellespont. She had a
very large quantity of timber, boards, & shingles on board; yet
there were spars, a ladder, a work bench, & 14 bodies &
not a fragment, that we hear of, of burnt timber. The
shingles, especially, ought to have been all about.

We send 50 tons of lumber by the Ship Lagoda,
which sails from this port in about a fortnight hence;
but it is on account of lumber burnt at Honolulu.
We proceed on the belief that the Hellespont is safe.

Your letter to Mr. Dill, will go in the Lagoda.
If I find to day that this vessel can take lumber, or
any thing else, for Mr. Dill, I will inform Mr. Brown
Should too much be sent him, it could easily be got
at cost.

Please remember me very respectfully to Mrs Williams
& believe me very truly & respectfully yours

R Anderson

Mr. Timothy Dwight
Amherst College Mass

Missy Room Boston Apl 5 1833

My Dear Sir

In what was said in my last,
with regard to the field in which it seemed most desir-
able for you to labor, I did not mean to imply, that
the Prudential Committee had formed or expressed any
opinion on that point. I presume you understood
me as giving only the impression of myself & my ref o cers
at the Room, which was correct.

I have brought the question before my colleagues,
whether we had better bring your immediate designation
before the Com^ee as a matter of business, & have read
to them your last letter to me. Our present opinion

is, that as so long time is to elapse before you will be ready to embark, as the relative claims of different fields are continually and often unexpectedly changing, and as your own mind does not appear to have a strong leaning any way — it would probably be well to defer the matter for the present.

Should you have a decided wish to have the case settled, & will inform me of it, I will at once bring the case before the Com^tee & they will do the best they can. Could we have discovered from your letter, that you have any decided preponderance of feeling in favor of any one particular field, we should then have thought it desirable that they should act upon the case. Yours probably designed to express no preference.

Suppose, in the course of the three or four months to come you read concerning the stations in the eastern hemisphere mentioned in the schedule lately published by the Com^tee including Choora and Damascus, and then write me freely on the subject of your designation.

I merely suggest this, & am very affectionately & truly yours R Anderson

Rev. Joseph Brown
Sec. of A. B. C. F. M. New York city

Missionary Rooms, Boston, Apl 5 1833

My Dear Brother

It is the common opinion here, that the wreck met by the Martha was not the Hellespont. In our shipments by the Lagodue, which is to sail perhaps, in a fortnight, we shall proceed upon this belief. It would seem that the spars were too large for the Hellespont, that the wood of the work bench was different from any on board that ship, & that fragments of <u>hunt lumber</u> <u>must</u> have been floating with the bench, the spars, and the bodies, if the Hellespont were the vessel. The <u>shingles</u>, especially, would have covered the water, yet not a fragment of lumber was seen.

I should have written you a day or two sooner, but have wanted to know more about the Hellespont,

& to confer with Mr. Hill, who has been sick. He is recovering, & I may yet obtain his views. Should they differ from those here expressed, I will write you again.

We send 50 tons of lumber by the ship Lasoda, (which sails from this port,) consisting of timber, boards, & shingles. This we send in consequence of the burning of a considerable quantity of lumber at Honolulu.

I will request Mr. C. to ascertain whether your Society can send freight of lumber or any thing else, & how large a quantity.

I am not aware that a substitute for juice sent from this country can be obtained at the Islands; & it is well to remember that should you happen to send more lumber than will be needed by your missionary, it may easily be disposed of at cost.

Very affectionately & truly Yours
R Anderson

Col Wm Hooker } Missy Rooms Boston April 5 1833
West field, Mass }

My Dear Sir

Your letter enclosing fifty dollars on account of Mrs. Gulick, was duly received. She had written Mr Anderson, saying that such a sum would be sent us by you, & requesting that it might be expended in cuts for the use of the Sandwich Islands mission. I had determined to write you in order to prevent such a remittance, but something occasioned a delay till it was too late.

I now hold the money subject to your order & beg that you will have the goodness to draw for it.

The object for which she wishes this money spent, comes entirely within our scope as a missionary society, and it is not necessary that she should diminish her small patrimony in order to furnish the mission with cuts. Nor is it expedient in the present instance. Her health, or that of her husband may fail, & compel them to return to this country; or their children may become orphans.

In either case, if they have no resources of their own, they will be dependant on the Board. Such a necessity ought to be prevented, so far as it can be with propriety.

When you send for this money, be so good as to inform me whether you approve of the course I have taken, & believe me very respectfully

Yours R Anderson

Doct Mussey
Brunswick Me

Missionary Room, Boston April 6 1833

My Dear Sir

We have this morning rec'd a letter from Rev. A. Tobey, of Durham, N. H., saying that Dr Nathan Ward of that place might probably be obtained for the Nestorian mission, & would be found to be a valuable man for the place. Mr. Tobey says, also, that you are well acquainted with Dr. Ward. Allow me, then, dear sir, to ask for your opinion of Dr Ward, as a man, a Christian, a physician. You know too well the kind of information respecting him which we need, to render it necessary for me to say more. The Nestorian mission is a very important, & in some respects peculiar, mission demanding great devotedness and prudence in the first missionaries.

I believe that Mr Meriam & Mr Lyman have not precisely the same views of the natural disposition of Mr. Perkins, who has been appointed to this mission.

After conversing with both of these brethren (should it be convenient,) I will thank you to say whether Mr Perkins & Doct. Ward will be apt to labor happily together — I am, dear sir, very respectfully & truly yours

R Anderson

Rev. Henry Lyman
Brunswick Me

Mission Room Boston Apl 6 1833

My dear sir

I have this week removed my family to Dorchester: this, with the fast, and the sickness of one of my children, has rendered the week

a broken one for business, & has occasioned the delay in answering your letter.

You are right in communicating your views to us with entire frankness. I hope you will always do so. I also will write you fully, though I am obliged to use brevity.

I do not remember precisely what I said to Mr. Tracy. I could not have said to him, that you would not probably embark before July or August, for that has at no time been my belief. My strong expectation has all along been, that we should find a passage for you as early as the month of June. We have thought it more probable you would sail in that month, than earlier; & far more probable you would sail in that month, than later. There was, however, no certainty in the case. It was possible you might be delayed till July or August. Such being the fact, I have designed to state it, that I might prevent disappointment; & this was the statement I designed making to Mr. Tracy. The probability of our procuring an eligible passage for your company, in one or more ships, during the month of June, has since risen almost to a certainty; & yet it is possible you may be detained till July. We are in correspondence with merchants in this city, New York, & Philadelphia — friendly merchants, trading in the China seas — & know of some first rate ships which are expected to sail in June, & are told that there can be no reasonable doubt of our obtaining a passage for you in that month.

Such being the state of the case, we make our arrangements to send your whole company in June.

The arrangements are in a train to be fully understood & settled early in May, & perhaps sooner; & as soon as we understand them ourselves, we will communicate them.

It is a good trait in missionaries to be desirous to be in the field of labor. But in yourself & Mr. Munson, this desire has had too much the character

of impatience — a good deal more, I doubt not, than either of you have been aware of. I do not mean to say that you have both been equally impatient, but that both have erred in this respect. As a consequence I think neither of you have duly appreciated the reasons which led the Com^tee to detain you for the purpose of attending Medical Lectures. I have thought that both of you came into this measure with manifest reluctance & especially Mr. Munson. We have reason to think, also, that Mr. Munson has had many painful doubts whether the reasons assigned for his being detained were those which actually governed the Com^tee in their decision. You see I am writing freely, & I am writing both for yourself & Mr. Munson to read. We have certainly been pained a good deal by these things, & the more so because the mission assigned to you two brethren is one of great importance, where the Com^tee ought to have the fullest confidence that their Instructions will be cheerfully followed, & that the opinions sent home to them come from brethren who are happy & contented in the relations they sustain to the Board & its officers. The questions have arisen in the minds of us who are at the Rooms — for these things have not yet been mentioned in Com^tee; — Have both of these brethren all the confidence in the Com^tee & Executive officers of the Board, necessary to make their future connection with the Board, & their labors a, its missionaries, as happy to themselves, & as useful to the cause, as it is desirable they should be? Will they be governed by the Instructions of the Com^tee? Will they follow them cheerfully? Will there be frequent misunderstandings between either of them & the Com^tee, making frequent explanations, as to the reasons for particular measures, a matter of necessity; & after all, perhaps ~~wholly~~ ineffectual?

As I remarked, we have not brought up this subject in the Com^tee; but we have repeatedly conversed upon it at the Rooms, & have thought it would be desirable, before the embarkation takes place, & indeed soon

to bring it up in a full meeting, with a view to have every thing made clear & satisfactory, if possible, before you leave us. I may have erred by telling you and Mr. Munson too much; I certainly have not by telling you too little, for I have hid nothing from you — not even the changes in our own minds, occasioned by increasing light and knowledge in respect to a new field not well understood. The reasons for all we have said and done, while we are at the Rooms, & for all the Com^tee has done, are the very which have been stated. But feeling the very great importance of a correct understanding, & a good understanding between yourselves, the officers of the Board, & the Com^tee, we feel ourselves bound to put the matter in train for a full explanation. Before taking any further steps, however, we should be glad to know the views of Mr. Munson & yourself, & will thank each of you to write me with the utmost freedom. No men having having stronger motives than we, for desiring the confidence & affection of our brethren who go among the heathen, & in the situation where God has been pleased to place us it is important that we have it. At the same time, it is important that we & the Com^tee should repose a cheerful confidence in the judgment & disposition of all the missionaries under their direction. Indeed confidence is the basis of our whole operations.— May the Lord be pleased to keep you both, & us, from all that shall be hurtful to this great & blessed cause, for his name's sake. Desiring affectionate regards to Mr. Munson, I am

your friend & brother

R Anderson

Elazar Lord Esq
New York City

Missionary Room, Boston April 8 1833

My dear sir

Our communication to the Board of managers of the Bible Society, was addressed to the Secretaries of the Society, & would of course go into the hands of Dr Milnor

& Mr. Brigham, & I hope and presume it reached them early last week, if not sooner. A letter which I received from Mr Brigham evinced so much zeal in the cause, that I pursued he saw Dr Milne immediately on receiving our memorial, and concerted measures with him for securing a favorable ear in the Board of managers.

At last I have been obliged to make this supposition, having been so situated since receiving yours of the 25th ult. that I have been unable to write Dr Milne, or any of the gentlemen you were so good as to mention.

I suppose the meeting of your Board to be on Wednesday or Thursday of the present week. Before that time we shall endeavor to have a memorial on the way to the Philadelphia Society.

I am glad to hear that Mr Frelinghuysen makes one of the speeches at your next anniversary. He cannot have a better subject than the foreign distribution. You ask me to draw up a resolution for him: I can give you what I conceive shall be the prominent idea; viz, that while we gratefully recognize the aid afforded to American missionaries among the Heathen, by the British & Foreign Bible Society & its Branches, in the distribution of the Holy Scriptures, we regard it as the duty of the A. B. S. to aim at supplying such missionaries with as many copies of the Inspired Writings as they need in the prosecution of their benevolent labors.

Mr. Temple was written to several months since in respect to the grant of $800, mentioned in your letter.

I have rec'd your favor of the 1st inst. enclosing the letter of Mr. Burnaby. We feel greatly obliged by the pains you have taken in this case, & for the suggestions you have made in respect to the course we had better pursue.

After the meeting of our Com^ee tomorrow evening, I will write him in such a manner as may seem most likely to secure his kind agency in forwarding our missionaries to the Patagonian coast.

I cannot help believing you are correct in your conjecture as to the reason why Mr. Burnaby is so general

in his replies. Capt Morrill's second letter was framed after the same pattern, and very unlike his first. There had probably been a consultation. But if the Lord will, we shall explore that court.

I am my dear sir in the greatest haste
very truly yours R Anderson

P.S. I perceive you request an estimate in dollars of the grants we derive from your Society. We have not the means, at present, of making the estimates any farther than they are made in the memorial.

Mr. Wm Ames
Theol. Sem Andover

Missionary Rooms Boston April 8 1833

My Dear Sir

I have only time now to say, that Divine Providence has guided me upon a track by which we have the prospect of securing the necessary intelligence with respect to Western Patagonia, to enable us to proceed. This I will communicate to you before your vacation, either by letter, or by submitting to your perusal, should you visit Boston, the original correspondence. When do you leave Andover? Do you visit Boston? Have you any lay brother in view, whom you should like for a companion?

In great haste but very truly yours
R Anderson

Rev. George Boyd,
Philadelphia } April 9, 1833.
sent a letter, signed by the three Secretaries, to the Secretary of the Philadelphia Bible Society. It contained the substance of the ~~letter~~ communication to the Secretaries of the American Bible Society. R. A.

Hon. Edw. Livingston,
Sec. of State, Washington. } April 10, 1833.
Enclosed Rev. Ira Tracy's certificate of citizenship & requested a Passport.
R. A.

Rev William C Woodbridge
Somerset Count.

Missionary Rooms, Boston April 12 1833

My Dear Friend

I engage in behalf of the Board, that the stereotype plates of your outline & skeleton maps, of which you kindly allow us to take a set for the use of our missions, on paying the expense of casting them, shall not be employed in making maps to be disposed of in this country, nor indeed any where, except in the countries where we have our missions, & to the people for whom those missions are specially designed. Of course, we shall not interfere with the interests of the purchasers of the copy right at all; but, so far as the fact of our using these maps at the Sandwich Islands, in Greece &c. &c. becomes known, we shall rather promote their interests. I do not mention this last fact as one of much importance.

Both the Author & his publisher will derive great satisfaction in the knowledge that these very ingenious maps are contributing materially to the diffusion of knowledge in the benighted portions of the world.

I am my dear sir very affectionately yours
R Anderson

P.S. In order to use these plates at our several missions, it will of course be necessary for us to multiply their number. For this purpose, & for this purpose only, we shall, for some time to come, retain a set at the Rooms, subject to the restrictions & engagements as stated above. From this set you will be at liberty to obtain casts. R. A.

Messrs Cooke & Co.
Hartford Conn

Missionary Rooms, Boston, April 11 1833

Gentlemen

Your letter to me of the 4th inst. was duly recd., & Mr. Woodbridge has kindly placed yours to him of the same date in my hands.

Your generous offer to present us with so large a number of cuts, is gratefully received. When they come to hand, we will acknowledge them as a set, & in such a way as shall give additional notoriety to a work, which I regard as one of the best of the kind in the language.

We refer it to yourselves to determine the cuts you shall send. You remark in your letter to Mr. Woodbridge, that you present them to the Board to be inserted in editions of Woodbridge's Rudiments of Geography in Modern Greek, or in foreign languages, for disposal out of the United States, "& for that purpose solely." We shall have no use for them, except in foreign languages, & in foreign Countries; - but, suppose our missionaries, after completing the geography, should be printing a Scripture history, would it be inconsistent with your views in making this donation, if they should use some of these cuts that are suited to illustrate Scripture history? I do not suppose it would be, but as the language of your letter would seem to preclude such a use, I propose the inquiry. You would doubtless wish them to be made as useful to the heathen as possible. If, however, it is your wish that they be used only in the geography, I will faithfully communicate that wish to the missionaries when we send them the cuts.

I have only to add that the Greeks are greatly in need of a Geography, and we shall be rejoiced could we transmit the cuts to the Mediterranean by the next vessel bound to Malta; & I am very respectfully Yours

R Anderson

I would add, that we shall be greatly obliged if you will favor us with all the cuts you can spare conveniently, even if you have any to spare which you think it not worth while to insert in the Geography. Pictures are every where interesting, & perhaps are no where more needed, or useful, than in the books we circulate among the heathen.

R. A.

Rev. Allen Graves
Fairhaven Vt

Missionary Room, Boston April 11 1833

My Dear Brother

I have nothing special to communicate, but perhaps ought to have acknowledged your favor of Feby 29 some.

Your translation of Leviticus is on its way to Calcutta. I am fearful you will apply yourself too closely

to the revision of the New Testament. Remember, my dear brother, that the recovery of your health is now your first duty; the revision of the N. T. the second, or rather, I should say, the revision of a part of it — for they cannot be ready for the whole of it at Bombay. When the weather becomes warm & pleasant, it will be desirable for you to travel more or less; it will be good for you. Brother Bardwell will be up that way, I think in June, when I hope you will be able to go on with him as far as Middlebury.

The more I think about your return to Bombay, the more I am disposed to believe that you ought not to think seriously of returning before the autumn of next year. Having come so far to be benefitted by a change of climate you ought to derive as much benefit from it as possible; & by that time you will derive essential benefit from it, if ever. — By going about the country somewhat, you will be yourself refreshed by communion with God's people & will do good to the cause you love.

We have made a communication to the American Bible Society, asking for a considerable amount of aid. How much we shall obtain is more than I can conjecture. We have also made a communication ~~to the American Bible Society, asking for a considerable amount of aid.~~ similar in substance, to the Philadelphia Bible Society, which is an independent institution.

I will send you a copy of Mr. Bardwell's map of Bombay, &c. & will thank you to return it corrected. I have noticed this, that the publishing of an accuracy map, is a pretty important step towards obtaining a correct one. So it will be in this case.

We should be glad of the loan of Col. Frost's map of Bombay, & shall perhaps write for it.

We must pray the Lord of the harvest. There is no other way of getting missionaries for Bombay. I do not hear of a single preacher of the Gospel in the United States, except yourself, who is anxious to go there.

I am told that Connecticut has one minister to every six hundred souls! Publish it not to the benighted millions of India. But perhaps I ought not to write so. The good Lord pour out his Spirit, and set us all right. My wife unites with me in affectionate regards to Mrs Greene; she also desires to be remembered to you: & I am very affectionately your friend & brother

R Anderson

Mr. S. B. Munger
Theol. Sem. Andover

Missionary Rooms Boston April 11 1833

My Dear Sir

Mr. Greene being absent, I would inform you that the Committee have come to the conclusion, which your mind appears to be prepared to acquiesce in very cheerfully: they have designated you to the Ojibway mission.

After all our conversation on the subject, I do not think it necessary to enlarge now, especially as I am rather pressed with business. My full persuasion is, not only that you have no occasion to regret this decision, but that you never will regret it. I think you will rejoice in it more & more, & I pray the Lord to make you a good soldier in the field on which Brainerd so nobly fought & died — I mean among our Indians.

There is some fallacy in the reasoning of those, who suppose their labors must be useful in proportion to the number of millions there are in the field they are cultivating. It may be, or it may not be so; it may be just the reverse. Who can tell but the labors of our brethren at the Sandwich Islands are far more useful, than they would be if the nation were ten times as numerous. Great bodies move slow, & sometimes cannot be moved at all they are so large. You will recollect the occasion of these remarks.

I am glad to hear that you have broken off from the use of tobacco. Now that those are converted, strengthen they brethren. I hope the brethren will read Mr. Spaulding's account of the tobacco reformation at Lahaina, on the

island of Maui, Sandwich Island; then let them smoke if they can;— a vice, by the way, to which I believe you were not addicted. After reading that, I believe I should traverse Turkey without smoking.

I am, my dear sir, most truly yours

R Anderson

Rev. Wm A Hallock, Co. Sec. A. Tr. Soc. } Missionary Rooms, Boston April 11 1833

My Dear Brother

I find the following paragraph in the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Sandwich Islands mission in June last: viz.

"The Committee on the subject of the letter from the American Tract Society, including the suggestions of the Board respecting assistance from that quarter, by leave to report;— that, considering the difficulties attending the printing of Hawaiian Tracts in America, your Comee are of opinion, that for the present the Amn Tr. Society can render the most efficient aid to this mission, by giving directly to the Treasury of the Board, for the purpose of printing Tracts in the Islands, agreeably to the regulations of said Society."

The Brethren Richards & Bingham were instructed to write you. I hope they have done so.

We have sent a Memorial to the Am. Bible Society; but have not to your Society, because it did not seem called for. You have taken measures to acquaint yourself, in the best manner, with all the facts in the case, which we know, & you need no urging.

We are putting our printing establishment at the Sandwich Island, in the very best order. We are about sending a printing establishment to Ceylon. We hope, by divine permission, to have, somewhere in the East, an extensive printing establishment, within a very few years.

We are aiming to obtain a complete set of interesting & striking cuts to keep at the Rooms for the purpose of obtaining castings from them at pleasure for our several

stations. You are frequently having cuts made. If, when you have one that you think appropriate to missionary use, & are stereotyping it at the foundery, you will allow them to cast a duplicate for us, we will gladly pay the cost, & thank you besides.

Now that your payments are all made, it will be proper that our Com^ee^ notice the interesting fact. You will hear from them, I doubt not, soon.

Mrs. A. unites with me in love to Mrs. Hallock; the same from Mrs. A. to you; & believe me very affectionately your brother

R Anderson

Silas C Burrow, Esq
New York City

Missionary Rooms Boston April 11 1833

Dear Sir

Your communication to our Board of Missions of the 30th ult., forward by Eleazer Lord, Esqr was laid before the Prudential Com^ee^ at their last meeting, & I am instructed to convey to you their thanks for your kind interest in the success of our projected Patagonian mission. We have long been desirous of gaining access to some of the aborigines of South America, but never, till the publication of Capt Morrell's work, saw how we could gain access to them; but his published narrative, in connection with the letters we received from him, presented the western coast of Patagonia as an eligible field for missionaries who were regardless of personal privations; & such missionaries we had no doubt we could find. Indeed one man, who completes his studies in the Andover Theological seminary next Autumn, has already accepted an appointment from our Com^ee^ to go & spend some time as a missionary among the natives of western Patagonia, with a view to establish their condition, numbers, character, &c.; provided he shall be accompanied by an associate, clergyman, or layman of kindred disposition.

It seemed important, however, in a matter of so much importance, (especially as Capt. Morrell's conductors in regard

to other parts of the coast of South America was called in question by some shipmasters,) to have the independent testimony of some other gentleman who had been on the coast. Such an one I could not find in Boston, and therefore wrote to our good friend Major Williams of New London, requesting him to make inquiries. He accordingly wrote to you, & has since very kindly sent us a copy of your reply; which, I assure you, gave us very great pleasure, as have your subsequent communications to our Board, & to Mr. Lord, of which he also sent us a copy.

It is gratifying to have Capt Morrell's interesting statements corroborated, & to behold at length so cheering a prospect of imparting the blessing of Christianity to the degraded inhabitants of Patagonia.

You suggest the expediency of bringing several Patagonians to this country to be educated in the Christian religion, &c. & then accompany a mission to that country. It is important to remark, however, that our Board has tried this course, substantially, in several instances, & in every instance has failed of realizing their expectations. After being at great expense in educating youth of different heathen nations, in this country, & in the most favorable circumstances, our Com^ee came to the conclusion, several years ago, to abandon the practice, & to educate heathen youth at schools established among their own people. Experience, which is the best guide in such matters, has shown that this is not only the most economical course, but altogether the most effectual, & indeed the only one that promises sure success.

Our plan would be to send two unmarried men, (one of them, at least, an ordained missionary, the other, if not a clergyman, yet a pious, intelligent, devoted layman,) — to send these men to some part of the Western coast of Patagonia, & land them where they could most readily get among the Indians. With our present information, we should prefer landing them near the Latitude 47° S., rather than at any Spanish or Roman

Catholic settlement. Once among the natives, with the means of making known the friendly nature of their visit, & of living as the natives do, they would work their way northward or southward, according to circumstances. When they have ascertained fully what it is best for us to attempt, one of them could visit this country, perhaps two years hence, & the other remain at the place where the seat of the mission ought to be, & make arrangements for a mission family. The one who comes home may make his report to the Board, & to its numerous patrons, & take out with him a well organized mission, with the necessary apparatus.

We have no doubt but a mission thus commenced will awaken a good deal of interest in this country, & with the divine blessing will give great satisfaction to all who had an agency in its establishment.

Encouraged by your friendly offer, I would inquire whether two missionaries, as above proposed, could find passage in one of your sailing vessels, & if so, at what time they should be ready to embark, & at what port off the coast they had better expect to be landed. We should prefer next Autumn to any time sooner or later, but must of course accommodate ourselves to circumstances. We shall of course expect to pay for the passage of these missionaries. I am aware, however, that we can offer no pecuniary inducement, & I only refer to the fact in the way of business.

Trusting that you will cheerfully excuse the trouble we find it necessary to give you in the prosecution of this object, I am, Dear Sir,

Very respectfully yours

R Anderson

To the Brethren of the Sandwich Islands Mission } Missionary Rooms Boston April 11 1833

Dear Brethren

By the Ship Mentor, which sailed from New London on the 21st of November, having on board three missionaries & their wives, & a printer, & by the Brig Hellespont, which sailed from Boston a few weeks later, I wrote to the mission generally, & to each of you individually — though I believe the letters to Messrs Baldwin Clark, & Gulick by some means failed of getting on board the latter vessel. The Hellespont carried out a company of religious merchants, who designed to establish themselves at the islands, & hoped to render themselves useful to you. Both of the vessels contained supplies for the mission; the Hellespont a considerable quantity of lumber. The papers will inform you of the apprehensions which have been entertained in the community with respect to this vessel, but which now generally believed to be without foundation.

Since the departure of the Hellespont, we have received the following communications from the islands, viz

Minutes of the annual meeting in June 1832

General letter of June 23 1832, signed by Messrs Bingham, Green, & Whitney.

Copy of correspondence with missionaries in the Society Islds.

Copy of instructions to Deputations to Navigator Islands.

Copy of a letter of introduction given to them, &c.

Letter of Messrs Thurston & Bishop, dated May 7 1832

Letter from Messrs Clark & Thurston, July 10, 1832

Letter from the members of the 4th reinforcement, dated May 21/32

Copy of a letter to Capt Swain May 18, 1832

Letter from Messrs Whitney, Tinker, & Alexander, dated Tahiti, Sept 17, 1832.

Letters from Mr Bingham, May 22, June 5, Oct 2/32

Letter from Mr. Ruggles, Sept 19 1832

Letter from Mr. Whitney, July 8 1832; to Mr. Greene

Letter from Mr. Chamberlain Oct 16, 1832

Journal of Mr. Green, Aug 10 to Oct 21, & letter

Mr. Greens letters of Oct 17 & 18th 1832

Letters from Mr Baldwin Sept 5, Aug 8 & 10, 1832
Mr Clark's letter of Sept 6 1832, & Cat.e of Library
Dr. Judd's letter of Oct 15 1832
Mr. Fisher's letter of July 9 1832, & Cat. of his Library
Mr. Spaulding's letters of July 30 & Oct 25 1832
Mr Hitchcock's letters Oct 5 & 24th
Mr. Lyon's letter of Sept 28 1832
Mr. Armstrong's letter of Oct 22 1832
Dr. Chapin's letter of May — 1832.

April 13th

I am now able to add the following received yesterday.
Duplicate of joint letter from 4th reinforcement
Duplicate of letter to Capt Swain
Letter from Mess.rs Dibble & Lyman, Oct 10, 1832
Mr. Goodrich's letter of Oct 23.
Mr. Gulick, letter of Oct 25th & Journal
Mr. Green's letter of Oct 29 to Mr Greene
Mr. Rogers letter of Oct 2 1832

These communications occupying at least 4 quires paper, have been read with great interest, & I trust with gratitude to the Almighty Friend of the Mission & of the dwellers in those distant islands. How soon I shall be able to address a letter to each of the brethren who have written me, is more than I can tell at present. My rule is to address a reply to each letter to the person or persons from whom the letter may be. The general letter is the first one written, then the individual letters which are the most urgent; & it may be worth while to say, that it is a maxim at the Rooms, which has grown out of experience, that no executive officer of the Board can write a private, or unofficial letter, on subjects appertaining to the mission of the Board. We once thought otherwise, & made distinctions; but finding them first lip, & sometimes injurious, we concluded to act on the maxim above stated.

We rejoice in the safe arrival of the Averick, & in the favorable reception of our brethren by the government & people. I felt much concern after their departure

but the largeness of their number, & the fact that they carried no letters to the rulers of the island, should somehow be productive of evil. But the Lord prevented the evil, & gave us more wisdom before the departure of the Mentor. Yet she carried no presents from the Board to the King & his chiefs, though she did from the American Seamans Friend Society. We should be glad to know to whom letters & presents should be addressed in future, & what presents would be most acceptable & proper. It is desirable that we know how to do every thing appertaining to our part of the Missionary work exactly right, & I shall be truly grateful for one, & I know my associates & the Com^ee will also, if you, as a mission, or as individuals, will most freely correct our errors and make suggestions, whenever you think it will do any good. It would be strange if you should not ~~at~~ sometimes perceive mistakes in our proceedings, in our correspondence in the Missionary Herald, in the Annual Report. Only remember that they were not made on purpose, nor with any unkind intention; & that if they are sometimes mortifying & painful to you, the discovery of them will not be less so to us. In a concern of so much importance it is, however, very desirable that we be informed of our mistakes when they are of any consequence, that we may correct them, if necessary, & be put more upon our guard.

The distribution you have made of yourselves appears to be judicious, with perhaps one exception. Why are three ordained missionaries placed at Hilo? If Mr. Goodrich finds it necessary to devote himself chiefly to manual labor, as he has a peculiar talent for mechanical employments it seems to the Com^ee that he would do well to reside where such services would most readily promote the objects of the mission. That cannot be at Hilo, & would seem to be at Honolulu, where the mechanical labors of the mission are chiefly performed. These usually are made in the way of inquiry & of suggestion

& not of apprehension; & they are made in the letter to the mission at large, because it belongs to the mission to determine, under the Prudential Com^tee, the particular locations of its members. We should certainly be at a loss what reason it would be well to assign, in the annual Report, for the placing of three missionaries at Hilo. The knowledge which the Com^tee has of the case, would certainly lead them to desire that, if Mr. Goodrich remaining at the Islands, might under-mane the Printing Establishment.

I know not that there is much to be added to what was contained in former letters, on the subject of a mission to the Washington Islands. The projection of this mission is to be ascribed to the effect of Mr. Stewart's glowing descriptions on the mind of Mr. Evarts, when his body was ready to sink under a mortal disease. Owing to that fact the claim of the London Missionary Society to be previously consulted, was overlooked entirely. These & other facts belonging to the subject have been lately communicated to Mr. Ellis. We told him that matters were in train, & that whatever might be our present views, & how much we might regret it, the probability was that a mission would be commenced before it would be in the power of the Com^tee to prevent it. We have not yet received his reply, but do not apprehend any serious interruption in the good understanding between the two societies. Your resolution to explore the islands, taking the London Societies mission in your way, was judicious, & merits the approbation of the Com^tee. The newspaper reports, on the authority of a New Bedford whaler, that the missionary packet returned in November, & that it was decided to commence a mission at the Washington Islands, We shall not announce this as a fact until it is confirmed. If it is, no doubt the Report of the Deputation was favorable beyond your expectations, as I think it is manifest from your letter, that the judgment of the mission has been decidedly opposed to the enterprise. In case the mission to the Washington (Islands) is

undertaken, you will find it necessary to furnish it with supplies till arrangements for that purpose can be made in this country. We shall hope to receive valuable suggestions from you, as to the best manner of conveying supplies to the Washington Islands.

If you have occasion to charter a vessel, we hope & pray that Divine Providence will make that an occasion of opening to us other islands in the Pacific.

There is now the prospect of our having an exploring mission before many months, on the western coast of Patagonia. It is also quite a desideratum in missionary Geography, that the practicability of sustaining a mission on Columbia river should be settled.

We send you a printed Circular, which will abundantly explain its design. We entreat the particular and prayerful attention of the mission to it. It is designed, with the blessing of God, to lay a broad basis for future operations. We know that the work at the Sandwich Isl and, cannot be completed at once; there must be a progression, & years must elapse before the nation, as such, is enlightened & virtuous. But we ought to aim to accomplish the work which we have to do, as soon as possible :— to send all the missionaries, to educate all the school masters & native preachers, to plant all the useful institutions, to print all the Bibles, Tracts, School Books, & other books, &c. &c. The document we request, is the united production of the mission; but it might be prepared in the first instance, by committees on the different topics, and then be discussed in general meeting. It is worthy of much thought, discussion, prayer, & labor; & we care not if the reply fills a volume; only let it be concise, lucid, well digested, & carefully written. The time required in answering these questions will by no means be lost to the mission. The Churches are running before their missionaries in zeal for the conversion of the world; & yet how little is implied in this remark!

The Com^ee have recently adopted the following resolu-

viz.

1. "That the Missionaries at the Sandwich Islands be authorized to expend a thousand dollars a year in educating catechists & native teachers."

2. "That the Com^ee approve of the publication of a weekly religious newspaper in the Hawaiian language, whenever, in the opinion of the missionaries at the Sandwich Islands, such a paper will promote the object of the mission in the islands."

3. "That, until the Com^ee receive more information on the subject, forty (40) dollars be considered as the annual expense of the child of a missionary residing at the Sandwich Islands; & that, with this understanding, the principles settled by the Board, at the annual meeting of 1830, in reference to the children of missionaries in Ceylon, be made applicable, also, to the children of missionaries at the Sandwich Islands."

N. B. These principles are explained at pp. 27, 28 of the Missionary Herald for 1831, or volume XXVII.

4. That it is expedient to send a skilful missionary bookbinder to the Sandwich Islands.

5. "That the Secretaries & Treasurer be authorized to procure, if they can do it without much expense, a set of wood or metal cuts suitable for geographies & scripture history, Palze stereotype plates for maps adapted to the wants of our missionary stations, to be kept at the Rooms for future use, that castings from them may be obtained at pleasure for such missions of the Board as may need them."

A thousand dollars will be remitted, according to the first resolution; & it is understood that this will be repeated as long as it shall be found advisable. The appropriation is made in consequence of a suggestion in your general letter, & is with special reference to the raising up of native catechists & preachers.

On the second resolution I need make no remarks. The third was designed to put the claims of your children upon the churches in the way of being satisfactorily determined. The expense of your children

at the islands, & the expense of sending them to this country, are less than must be incurred by our brethren in Ceylon — how much less, I do not know, — but in other respects their circumstances are probably not very dissimilar. What the average annual expense of your children is at the islands, under twelve years of age, & from twelve years to eighteen, it would be well to determine as nearly as may be. The plan proposed by our Ceylon brethren, & the resolution of the Board, are clearly stated in the Herald. I do not suppose that the discount for interest & risk of life, in the case of advances for sending children home, will very often come into the account, if ever, though upon this point you perceive that the Com^ee have not thought it best to deviate from the plan proposed by the Ceylon missionaries & adopted in relation to them.

In this connection I refer you to the 4th section of the Bye laws of the Board, found in the appendix to the last Report.

You will see by the 13th law, what aid your children who are sent to this country may receive, annually, till their fund is exhausted. I fear, however, that one thing has not been perfectly understood by those of you who have children in this country, or by their guardians; I mean that the Com^ee are not expected to make appropriations to these children, without an application from their parents or guardians. I hope that ignorance of this fact has not prevented applications from being made when circumstances have made appropriations desirable, & that it will be remembered hereafter. The guardians of the children now in this country, shall be made acquainted with the rule.

Another rule deemed of importance I would commend to your notice. It is, in substance, that grants for the children of missionaries cannot be made for years previous to the one in which the application is made. The design of this rule is to prevent arrearages.

its equity rests upon the assumption, that if there is a necessity for aid, it will be known to the guardian at the time, & the Guardian will make it known to the Com^ee. The claims of children may easily be determined from year to year; guardians will more promptly attend to their business; & the claims of the children will never be urged upon the Com^ee as a debt which has been accumulating for years;— an event which would otherwise be very possible. A debt it certainly is when it is needed, & so far as needed; but a debt to be paid on application from the parent or guardian, & from year to year; or, if by anticipation, for the purpose provided for in the resolution of the Board just now referred to.

I believe I have said all I need to at present to make this subject understood. You will of course communicate your views & wishes freely, & in the full belief that the Com^ee can have no motive to pursue any other than the most equitable course in reference to this part of their duty.

The Lagoda takes out a large addition to your Sabbath School Library, of books you will find interesting & useful to your children. A small parcel goes to your children as new years presents, which will be the more interesting to them, I trust, from the fact that they were actually selected on the first day of the year. A considerable number of other books also go in the Lagoda, which, with the books sent in the Alcovick, the Mentor & the Hellespont, will at least lay a good foundation for a mission Library. Your private Libraries are composed of books, whether purchased by your private funds or those of the Board, which you took out, or which were sent to you, for your particular use; the other books, purchased with the funds of the Board, belong to the Board, at whatever station & in whose hands soever they may be. Brethren, who have gone out in years past, may find some difficulty in drawing the line

between the books in their possession which are public & private property; it is only by a gradual progress that all our affairs can be brought into order & system: the brethren who go out in time to come will have less difficulty. The whole of the libraries you carried with you (with the exception perhaps of some of the medical works carried out by the physicians,) may probably be regarded in the light of private libraries. The books marked in the invoices as sent to individuals by their special order, may be regarded as a part of the private libraries. With the invoices before them & these principles, Messrs Chamberlain & Johnstone have the means of drawing the line with tolerable accuracy. Let the line by all means be drawn, & let us have a fair & accurate list of the Books belonging to the Board at the Sandwich Islands, & of the accessions to that library from year to year. It must of course be a Circulating library. For this library the Com^ee wish you to make your own rules, but to have rules. We wish, also, that great care should be taken to preserve the books from insects, &c. I feel pained whenever I think how few books have been sent to you in years past. But to secure a liberal supply of new & expensive books in years to come, you will do well to make it appear to the Com^ee that money so appropriated is well invested. The library ought to be an item for your annual meeting.

I have said enough on this subject. — We have somewhat enlarged your stock of periodicals & shall hereafter send you a considerable number of these foreign news papers taken in exchange for the Herald. We send you 30 copies of the Missionary Herald & a supply of the 23^d Annual Report; also missionary papers, &c. Mr. Tappan, of this city, has brought in various tracts, &c on temperance, which you will know how to use. The small publication of the Am^n Sund. School Union, entitled "Common things,"

of which there are several dozen copies, he is desirous you should translate (or at least the substance of it,) into the Hawaiian language. It is not improbable that the cuts for it may go in one of the fall ships. The 4 dozen printed handkerchiefs are from Mr. Tappan & one of each is a present to each of your children.

One of the preceding resolutions will show you that measures are in train for supplying you with cuts. The Lagoda takes out a box containing a pretty numerous selection from the stock of the Boston Type & Stereotype Foundery. We hope also to send out a set of plates for outline & skeleton maps ingeniously devised by Mr. Woodbridge. They are the outlines and skeletons of Woodbridge's Atlas, and are designed to be filled by the learner. The necessary tools will be sent out for inserting types in stereotype plates, & Mr. Goodrich will readily know how to use them, if I may judge by what I have heard of his mechanical skill. The plates may not be done in season, & we have not yet succeeded in finding suitable paper for the maps.

We hear that, chiefly in consequence of a memorial sent by our Comte, the managers of the American Bible Society have voted to appropriate 30000 dollars, to the foreign distribution during the next year. We have not heard the particulars. They must be brought up to 100000 dollars a year within two or three years. Keep that Society constantly in mind; & that we may cooperate understandingly with you, let your communications to them pass through our hands; or, at any rate, send us a duplicate by the same conveyance. I would say the same with respect to the American Tract Society.

As you will be the agents of the Bible & Tract Societies, in disposing of the books printed at their expense, you will find it necessary to open a separate account with them, & will aim to deal equitably both with them & with the Board. The fair

proceeds of their books will be applied to the reprinting of the works for which the grants were originally made until you receive other instructions on the subject. Both of the Societies expect a report of the manner in which their appropriations are applied, & of the beneficial results of the same.

~~Medical works carried out by the physicians, may probably be regarded in the light of private libraries. The books, marked in the invoices as sent to individuals by their special order, may be regarded as a part of the private libraries. With the invoices before them, & their principals, Messrs Chamberlain & Johnstone have the means of drawing the line~~ see back

The communications on the subject of salaries have not yet been read to the Com^tee for want of time. There is no need of discussing this subject very earnestly in your meetings. All the Com^tee want is facts, and such opinion, as you are able to form without allowing the feelings to be very much committed on the subject.

Our Com^tee will not be in haste to make changes in a case of so much importance, & there does not seem to be a prospect that any will be advisable at present.

Whatever & Whenever the plan of supporting missionaries by salaries is adopted by the Board, the by-laws 5th, 6th & 7th of section V^th, will be regarded as fundamental principles in the arrangement.

I copy the following resolution from the Record, of the Com^tee, viz. "Resolved,— That the resolution, adopted by the Board at the annual meeting in the year 1830, respecting disabled missionaries & the widows & orphans of missionaries, imply, that the allowance to missionaries while in the field is to be graduated upon what is proper for their actual expenses, without any allowance to enable them to accumulate property."—

"Resolved,— That the salaries of the officers, Permanent Agents, & Missionaries of the Board should be graduated upon the same principle— that of furnishing themselves & their families an economical support"

The death of Kaahumanu is apparently a great loss to the mission, & to the cause of truth & righteousness on the Island. But the Lord has so often & so marvellously brought good out of evil in those islands since the establishment of the mission there, that we are permitted & even constrained to mourn in hope, even in this case.

The happy landing of the Jesuits on the continent before her death, is an event to be noticed & remembered with grateful praise. May they never return.

April 17th.

I write this letter at different times as you see, as I can command the time.

Last evening the Com^tee held a full meeting, every member being present, & the meeting was protracted to a late hour. At this meeting, after the reading of the necessary documents, & mutual consultation, the following resolutions were adopted; viz.

"Whereas Mr. Edmund Rogers, who accompanied the fourth reinforcement of the Sandwich Islands mission as a printer upon a contract as stated at p. 24 of vol III of the Records, has expressed a desire to be appointed an assistant missionary of the Board, & to be placed on the same footing as other assistant missionaries; & whereas the reason of his not having rec^d such an appointment originally, was that he might have the privilege of returning at a certain time without the necessity of assigning reasons to the public; & whereas he has stated that the principal reason for his return to this country has ceased; —

"Resolved, — That Mr. Rogers be appointed an assistant missionary of the Board, with the understanding that he perform the duties of a printer in connection with the mission at the Sandwich Islands; — provided the mission shall be of the opinion, when assembled in general meeting, that such an appointment will be advantageous to the cause."

"Resolved, — That the Com^tee approve of the course pursued by the Sandwich Islands' mission,

in sending a Deputation to visit the missionaries of the London Missionary Society in the Georgian & Society Islands, & explore the Washington Islands, before resolving to extend a branch of their mission to the latter group.

"Resolved, — That in case a mission has been established in the Washington Islands, the mission at the Sandwich Islands furnish it with the necessary supplies until the Com^ee^ are able to send them from this country.

"Resolved, — That the missionaries at the Sandwich Islands be instructed to consider, at their annual meeting, whether it be desirable that a vessel be wholly at the command of the Board, for the purpose of establishing & sustaining missions on the shores and islands of the Pacific; & that a minute report on the subject be made to the Com^ee^, stating the reasons in favor & against such a measure, & all the important facts in relation to it.

"Resolved, — That in case no decisive steps shall have been taken towards a mission at the Washington Islands, before the arrival of the Lagoda at Honolulu, the missionaries at the Sandwich Islands be instructed to do nothing further in the case, until otherwise directed by the Com^ee^."

"Whereas it is incumbent upon the Prudential Com^ee^ to inquire into the conduct of its missionaries & agents, whenever there is ground for apprehension that they are departing from the course of their duty; & whereas information has been received from the Rev. Messrs Dibble, Lyman & Green, of the Sandwich Islands mission, from which it appears that the Rev. Joseph Goodrich, of that mission, devotes the greater part of his time to secular labors, & it is questionable whether those labors, & his influence generally, are on the whole beneficial to the mission; therefore "Resolved, —

1. That Mr Goodrich be informed of the apprehension entertained by the Com^ee^, that he is employing his time in a manner inconsistent with his high duties as a missionary of Christ to the heathen.

"2. That the mission be instructed to take Mr. Goodrich's case into serious consideration at their annual meeting, or sooner should those whose duty it is to summon special meetings think it advisable, & decide what, in their judgment, it is best for him to do; & that he be directed to follow their advice.

"3. That should the mission advise the return of Mr. Goodrich & his family to this country, the Board will defray the reasonable expenses of their passage.

"4. That the mission be requested to forward to the Com^ee a full account of their proceedings in relation to Mr. Goodrich, with the facts and reasons upon which those proceedings are grounded."

The Com^ee were not prepared to give Mr. Rogers an appointment directly as assistant missionary, because no recommendation to that effect had been received from any members of the mission. The subject is therefore referred to the general meeting of the mission. If his appointment obtains the general approbation of the meeting a resolution to that effect will constitute the relation. Whether Mr. Chapman will be able to find room in the Lagada for the furniture he requests is doubtful.

The case of Mr. Goodrich has been a painful one to the Com^ee; though, with the statements before them, they were entirely unanimous with regard to the proper course to be pursued. That course is described in their resolution. The letter of Mr. Green to Mr. D Greene was written with all the freedom of private correspondence, but it was presumed to speak the truth no less than if it had been composed expressly for the Com^ee; and as it goes of course upon our files, it was thought expedient to read so much of it to the Com^ee as related to Mr. Goodrich. The document however, which brought the case before the Com^ee, was the letter of Messrs Dibble & Lyman, dated Oct. 10. 1832. Mr. Green's was merely corroborative of that. A copy of so much of Messrs D & L's letter as relates to Mr. G. will be sent with

this letter. Supposing that Mr. Green might not have retained a copy of his letter, I shall send him extracts from it. The question which the Com^ee^ bring before the mission, is not the correctness, or incorrectness, of their communications; but what they would advise Mr. Goodrich to do, in view of facts known to the mission. If the case is anything like what is discribed by these brethren, it was unquestionably the duty of the mission, or of some of its members, to apprise the Com^ee^ of it. May you be guided by heavenly wisdom, & be enabled to discern & to do your duty to Mr. Goodrich, to the mission & to the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ; & if that beloved brother has been in an error, may he have grace to repent, & to do works meet for repentance. I ought to add, that Mr. Goodrich's letter of Oct. 23 was also read to the Com^ee^.

The time for the Lagoda to sail is fixed for tomorrow. Should she go then, it is not certain that I shall have time to write Mr. Goodrich. If a letter to him does not accompany this, superscribed in my handwriting, I will thank Mr. Chamberlain, as clerk of your last meeting, to transcribe so much of this letter as relates to Mr. Goodrich, & send it to him. I pray that he may not think hardly of his brethren associated with him at Hilo. They have done only what they regarded as their solemn duty.

Let me say, however, in the spirit of Christian frankness that with the views which the mission evidently had of Mr. Goodrich's inefficiency as a missionary, from their assigning two other missionaries to the station at Hilo, some members of the Com^ee^ expressed surprise that the mission as such, should have said nothing about him.

I close this long letter with the expression of my fervent desire that we may all abound in prayer, and live a life of faith in the Son of God; having grace to be faithful in our several spheres of action. The time is short in which we shall be permitted to labor

in the vineyard. Days, months, years are hurrying us to the end. In this reaching year, some of your number may have slept the sleep of death. In an answer returning, the writer of this may have ceased to live on earth. But it is delightful to think, that other men better than ourselves, & in great numbers, are to enter the field, & that the conquest of the world for Christ will advance & triumph gloriously. Oh let us be faithful to our Lord & Master, that we may be accepted of him, & rejoice with those that will rejoice over the completion of this work in the latter days.

Desiring affectionate regards to your partner in life I am, Dear Brother, your brother in the fellowship & labors of the Gospel of Christ

R Anderson.

Mr Edmund H Rogers
Honolulu Sandwich Is.

Missionary Room, Boston Apl 18 1833

My Dear Sir

I feel certain that the difficulties to which the mission families are subjected in taking boarders, were mentioned to you before you embarked, for I fully understood them; & we should have preferred, on account of them, to send out a married printer. We did not indeed advise you to marry, because we seldom give advice in such cases. I am sure also that the relation you would sustain to the mission, in case you went out upon a contract, was described to you. Indeed it was perfectly obvious that you could not both be an assistant missionary, and not be one, at the same time; & if you were not one, you could not sustain the relation of one to the mission. Unless as a matter of feeling, it would, however, have very little effect upon your facilities for performing your duties as a printer, whether you were connected with the mission for life, or for a limited period, & upon a contract for specific wages, or for a bare support. In the former case you would be equally regarded & treated as a Christian brother

& would lose no one privilege, that I can think of, except that of voting at the annual meeting. That the mission has no power to give, except to missionaries and assistant missionaries of the Board; — according to the By-laws of the Board; — nor has the Prudential Com^tee the power to give the right to any others. —

Going out unmarried, you went out upon a contract for wages, chiefly that you might have the power of returning at the expiration of a stipulated time without having reasons for your return assigned to the public. You were the more inclined to go out in this manner, as it was the only manner in which you would be enabled to remit a sum of money annually to your sister. The relation you would necessarily sustain to the mission was explained to you; & I thought you fully understood it. Circumstances prevented the explanations from being made in writing, & they escaped your recollection. I am not surprised at this. To prevent such an occurrence in the case of Mr. Fuller (who was under the necessity of going unmarried) the more important explanations with reference to him, were introduced into the Instructions of the Prudential Com^tee; & they apply equally to yourself.

You remark that some of the terms of the contract were not clearly expressed. They perhaps do not express the meaning you give them; but, on reviewing them, we perceive no obscurity. They express the views of the Com^tee exactly.

Your request to be appointed an assistant missionary of the Board, has been laid before the Com^tee. For the resolutions of the Com^tee I refer you to Mr. Chamberlain, who will copy them for you from the General Letter to the Mission. The subject is referred to the Mission. The reason for this is, that your request was accompanied by no expression of opinion from the mission or from any member of the mission. If the mission think favorably of your appointment as an assistant missionary, they have now the power of making you one.

If they do not think favorably of it, (which we have no reason to suppose,) then it certainly would not be expedient that you should be appointed.

Your marriage with Miss Ward will be approved by the Bd., in case it is by the mission. We esteem her as a valuable helper in the Lord. You mention June of the present year as the time when it is to take place; but as your appointment cannot possibly be made till after that time, we suppose the marriage will of course be deferred till a later day.

Mr. Chapman informs me, that Mr. Chamberlain will doubtless be able to supply you with the necessary articles of furniture.

I write in great haste, and can only add my earnest desire that you may be enabled to act worthy of your high vocation. Be openhearted, frank, kind, & respectful to all men, & especially to all who are associated with you in the missionary work. Do not magnify little things into great importance. You, as a printer, are engaged in a great work. We know of a number who would be glad to enjoy your privileges. I shall be pleased to hear from you, & to have you write me freely, & am very truly yours,

R Anderson

Rev. Joseph Goodrich
Hilo. Island of Hawaii

Mission Rooms Boston April 19 1833

My Dear Brother

There are special reasons for writing you at the present time, which make me desirous of writing you at considerable length; yet I fear I shall be obliged to use great brevity. I shall request Mr. Chamberlain, however, to copy from the communications made to the mission, whatever is omitted in this, & is specially important for you to know.

You are doubtless aware, that at least some of your brethren in the mission have regarded your manner of spending your time as being, on the whole, inconsistent with

your high duties as a missionary of the Lord Jesus.

The fact, with some very painful statements on the subject, have at length been communicated to the officers of the Board & by them have been laid before the Prudential Com^tee. This was at a full meeting, all the members being present. Their proceedings are contained in the General Letter to the mission, which Mr. Chamberlain, as Clerk of the last annual meeting, will transcribe for you, & transmit along with this letter. A vessel being on the point of sailing for the Mediterranean, I cannot well command the time for copying them myself.

Your letter of the 23^d of October 1832, was read at the same time with the documents which brought your case before the Com^tee.

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And now, my dear Brother, let me exhort you to evince the reality of your piety by an humble, teachable, submissive spirit. Unless the brethren, who have been constrained by a sense of duty to make these disclosures, are greatly mistaken in their view of facts, you have certainly erred from the path of your duty as a missionary. Be willing to be instructed and corrected, & if you have erred, repent, & serve the Lord in newness of life. Whatever the mission shall advise you to do, I hope you will do it, in humbleness of spirit, as your duty. The safest course for you, in reference to your future happiness & usefulness, will be to follow the advice of your brethren of the mission. Your judgments in respect to your own case, are liable to be partial & erroneous. Those of your brethren are not infallible; but in what way can the will of God concerning you be better ascertained, than in the one prescribed by the resolutions of the Com^tee?

We shall not cease to remember you in our prayers, that you may come out of this furnace as gold tried in the fire. This process has been commenced only from an imperious sense of duty to the cause of Christ

may it result not only in the furtherance of that cause but in your own spiritual improvement.

Desiring to be affectionately remembered to Mrs. Goodrich, I am very truly yours in the Gospel

R Anderson

Messrs Dibble & Lyman, Hilo, Island of Hawaii

Missionary Room, Boston Apl 19 1833

Dear Brethren

Your letter of Oct 10 1832 was received on the 12th inst., & so much of it as relates to Mr Goodrich, was read to the Prudential Com^tee last Tuesday evening. That your statements should be laid before the Com^tee, was, of course, & was doubtless what you expected. The Com^tee heard them with pain, but approved of your having made the communication, as a very obvious duty with your views of the case. The proceedings of the Com^tee you will learn from the General Letter to the Mission. I can only say in general, for want of time, that the mission is instructed to inquire into the case of Mr. Goodrich, & he is directed to follow their advice. No other course, either more or less decisive, seemed so proper for the Com^tee to pursue.

The case is one which demands much wisdom and prayer in all the members of the mission, that the proceedings throughout may receive the approbation of the Lord Jesus and his churches. For yourselves you will of course strive to feel & conduct towards Mr. Goodrich with the utmost Christian affection, even if he should believe that you have mistaken the course of your duty towards him.

We shall await the result of this painful case with much solicitude. May it give occasion for no root of bitterness to trouble & mar the mission. May there be one heart & one mind in all the members; & may you be profited by all your trials & God be glorified.

Desiring an affectionate remembrance to your

partners, I am, though in much haste, most truly yours
R Anderson

Rev. Jonathan Green } Missionary Rooms Boston Apl 19 1833
Wailuku. Maui Isl } My Dear Brother

I have sent a long letter addressed to the mission, & embracing a great variety of subjects, but have not time to write the brethren individually in reply to their several communications.

Enclosed is an extract from your letter to Mr. Greene which was read to the Com^tee as corroborative of a more formal statement respecting Mr. Goodrich from the brethren Dibble & Lyman. As the Com^tee have instructed the mission to inquire into the case of Mr. Goodrich, as your letter is referred to in the general letter to the mission, & as you may not have preserved a copy, I thought it might be well to send you the portion of it which was read to the Com^tee. The information was in great measure new to us, & has been exceedingly distressing. May the Lord give grace to the mission in relation to this painful case, & cause the whole to redound to his own glory. While you all deal plainly & faithfully with Mr. Goodrich, & remember your accountability to God, & to the church, & to the Board as his servants, you will of course strive to act as much as possible under the government of the most ardent affection to that brother.

The Lagoda takes out many things for the mission — & among others a great number of books, &c &c

In great haste but desiring to be affectionately remembered to Mr. Green, & to all the brethren near you, I am most truly yours
R Anderson

P.S. I am sure that your letter to Mr. Greene was written with all the freedom of private correspondence, but it goes regularly upon our files, & was regarded as being none the less true for being written with entire freedom.

The case was one with which the Com^ee ought to be made acquainted in some way. —

Mr. Levi Chamberlain } Missionary Rooms, Boston, Apl 13 1833
Honolulu Sandwich Isds } My Dear Brother

I enclose a letter to you for Mr. Goodrich, which I will thank you to read, seal, & forward, together with the extracts from the General Letter referred to in the letter to Mr. Goodrich. The case is a very trying one, but the Com^ee have great confidence in the judgment, prudence & faithfulness of the Mission.

The General Letter is so full on various topics that I need not enlarge upon them. The stereotype plates for outline & skeleton maps, with a quantity of map paper (the most suitable we can find) are on board the Lagoda. We shall probably have a quantity of paper manufactured of the right size. Mr Woodbridge's description of the right use of the plates & maps, I have enclosed to you. Six copies of his Atlas, corresponding with the outlines, you will find, I think, in the small box numbered last. The plates are in the two preceding numbers.

I have to day rec^d a letter from our dear friend Mr. Ellis, dated Feby. 28th, enclosing an answer sent by him to Mr. Kohlen (a friendly member of the Geographical Society of Berlin) to attacks upon the mission at the Sandwich Islands by Mr. Horton James, Dr Meyen, & some others. James's & Meyen's attacks are so similar that they manifestly had the same parentage. Mr. Bingham has the honor to be the most calumniated, & I will send him a copy of Mr. Ellis's reply, should the Lagoda be detained long enough for me to procure a copy.

I fear, however, that I shall be able to write no more by this vessel. If life is spared, I will reply to the individual & station letters by the next oppor

tunity. With affectionate regards to Mrs. C. & all the brethren & sisters at the station, I am most truly yours

R Anderson

Mr S. Wells Williams
Utica, N. Y.

Missionary Rooms Boston Apl 23, 33

My Dear Sir

I wrote you, some weeks since, that we should wish you to visit Boston before embarking on your mission to China. We have this morning rec'd a letter from our esteemed & excellent friend, Mr. Olyphant of New York, saying that the ship Morrison is expected to arrive early in May, and will be hurried away again to Canton, and that it will be desirable for you to be in readiness to go in her. He gives you a free passage, & may possibly go in the same vessel himself. I wish you, therefore, to make us the proposed visit without delay, as I wish to confer with you at large in reference to your relation to the Board, and your future occupation; & should like to do this before you see Mr. Olyphant. It will be desirable that we have this interview without delay, as some arrangements may be desirable with regard to the printing establishment which may require a little time.

In case you find it necessary to delay your journey a few days, I will thank you to drop me a line; &, desiring affectionate regards to your father, I am very truly yours; — In great haste

R. Anderson.

Mr. Levi Chamberlain
Honolulu S. Isls.

Mis Y Rooms Boston April 19 1833

Sent him a copy of Mr. Woodbridge's explanation of his outline & skeleton maps.

R. A.

Miss.y Rooms, April 1833.

To Mr. Levi Chamberlain
Honolulu.

My Dear Sir,

The stereotype plates of Mr. Woodbridge's Outline & Skeleton Maps we are furnished with by the Author, the Board paying only the cost of casting them, on condition that none of them are disposed of in this country. This we have engaged shall be the case. Mr. W's name must be retained on the maps, though native words may be substituted for the English. Please send home specimens of your impressions.

In great haste, but affect.y yours

R. Anderson Sec.y &c

Copy of Mr. Eli Smith's letter to Mr. James L. Merrick of Columbia S.C.

Conway April 18 1833.

My Dear Sir

I owe you an apology for first inviting you to a correspondence, & then delaying so long to answer your first communication. Owing to the irregularity of my movements in preaching from place to place, your very acceptable letter of Feb 20th did not reach me until the 29th of March. and owing to the constant demand upon my time & attention in the same mode of life since, it has remained unanswered until now.

My former communication to you was written before I had seen any account from yourself of your own views & feelings. Since then I have had the perusal of your letter of last Jany., I believe, to Dr Wisner; & by your letter to myself, also, I have rec.d a more full developement of your mind. I am interested in your partiality to laboring among the Mohammedans of Persia. That partiality <u>may</u> indicate that you ought to go to them, rather than elsewhere. For it may have led you to acquaint yourself with that field more than with any other, & having taken

such deep root, it would probably lead you to persevere cheerfully, when there, in circumstances which might dishearten one who had never felt it. But in order to this, you will perceive, it must be an enlightened partiality, not formed in view of vague presupposings & glowing imaginary conceptions, but in view of actual facts. To a person with a partiality so strong as yours & formed in this way, provided he had the requisite qualifications, I should want very plain reasons to persuade me to say, that he aught not to go.

Missionaries can reside & travel in many parts of Persia, they can distribute the Scriptures among Mohammedans, & can reason with many of them on religion. These facts are interesting, highly so. But they are connected with others which should modify a prospective system of measures for the evangelizing of Persia. Such measures would have to encounter an amount of bigotry on the one hand & of self conceited, high minded skepticism on the other, which would render the labor they would aim to effect immense, & might, (though I should strongly hope otherwise) raise an opposition, if they were directly aimed at Mohammedanism, which would put an end to them at once. This, should not discourage us from attempting any thing. It should make us ask, with more care, how the attempt can be made with the fairest hope of success. Such an effect it had upon Mr. Dwight & myself in our visit to Persia. When on the ground, the greatness of the work pressed upon us, supported even by the strongest faith we could command, with a weight of which we before had formed no just conception.

It did not discourage us. It forced us to look about for advice to all the practical wisdom we could command. So strong a citadel of false religion was evidently not to be battered down at one blow. We asked, where shall the first blow be given? We searched for the most available point. Among the Nestorians we found a lodgement for a Christian mission, which

we deemed practicable, & we took upon ourselves the responsibility of recommending that it be attempted. It would be in a field in itself important & interesting, & would have a direct bearing upon the undermining of Mohammedanism. At any rate, the missionary who should be stationed there, would occupy a valuable point of observation, & be able ere long, by more thorough inspection, than we could make, to judge of the practicability of assailing Mohammedanism directly & how it can best be done. I confess, that, with only our opportunities for observation, though on the spot, we shrunk from the responsibility of recommending such a measure at once. The case was not clear enough to satisfy us that if bad consequences resulted from such advice, we should not be accountable for them. We were not sure that we should be justified in turning any of the limited means now at command for missionary purposes from other fields where they might effect more good. We hesitated to place any missionary brother in the circumstances, in which he might find himself among the Mohammedans of Persia. You will notice, we give no advice positively against such a mission as you propose. In Turkey, as Turkey was at least when I first entered it I should certainly give even such advice. In Persia we only refrain from giving positive advice in favor of a mission specially to Mohammedans. If any missionary brother will take upon himself the responsibility of such an undertaking in view of facts which shall satisfy a missionary society of its expediency, he shall not have me for an opposer. He shall have my best wishes, & most ardent prayers; & I will add, that I should by no means despair of his success.

Had we, instead of recommending a mission among the nestorians, which may be called, but in fact is not, an inconsiderable outpost, proposed to attack the citadel of Mohammedanism at once, doubtless the proposal would have gained more admirers than the one we

have actually made. There is a grandeur in bold projects which captivates. But the question should always be asked respecting them, Are they in the estimation of sound judgment enlightened by strong faith, practicable? Are they wise? Are they, on the whole advisable? The bolder movement of attacking the citadel without stopping to carry the outpost, would seem to meet with your approval. But suffer me to ask, may not such a step be as inexpedient in missionary, as in military movements? In the latter, it is a firmly established maxim to have no fortresses behind, in the hands of the enemy.

In speaking of the citadel of mohammedanism in Persia, you may have had in mind Shiraz; which would perhaps, in fact, be the best location for a mission like the one in which you wish to engage. It would in truth be the citadel. Bearing upon its coins the epithet of "seat of science", it is in fact the principal resort of the literati of the realm, and of course contains, as we were informed more of the soaring free thinking, or rather mystical skepticism, than any other place. But this is limited to the learned circles. The common people, we were told, have more of bigotry & Persian exclusiveness, than is elsewhere to be found. You may have supposed, from Martyn's experience, that you would have more to do with the learned than with the lower classes. It is sometimes forgotten that Martyn was not a simple missionary. He was a chaplain in the service of the East India Company, — an office of a lucrative income, & of not a low rank. In this rank he had to do with the English embassy in Persia, an embassy commenced on a scale of magnificence intended purposely to impose upon Persian love of pomp & splendor, & in this relation he was regarded by the Persians. Such a relation, would of course, gain him ready access to the higher circles. I know no people with whom ideas of rank have more influence than with the Persians. As it is now, in fact, every

foreigner that bears the name of Englishman, is regarded as a man of some rank. But is it quite sure that a sensible missionary would not find it less easy to get access to the learned, than it was for Henry Martyn. You ask, when could the languages needed in such a mission be best acquired? I answer, without a doubt in Persia itself. A language can be acquired in the midst of a people who speak it, in much less time, than it can be acquired elsewhere. To attempt it therefore at home, where other studies can be more advantageously attended to than abroad, would be an obvious waste of time. — In regard to taking a female companion on such a mission to Persia, I hardly feel ready to give an opinion. A man must consult, in some degree, his own physical temperament. If he is sure he can contentedly pursue Paul's course, perhaps, in a case like this, he had better do as Paul did. — I think you should by all means have a missionary brother for a companion, who is as fully set upon the work as yourself.

I shall be happy to hear from you, & to answer your letters, whenever you find it convenient to write. Please direct to the Missionary Rooms Boston. — Praying that the Lord may guide you aright in this most interesting & important matter,

I am most truly yours
Eliz Smith —

Mr James L Merrick
Theol. Sem. S. Carolina

Miss Y Rooms Boston April 23 1833

My Dear Sir

I this morning rec^d this letter from Mr. Smith, with the request that I would read & forward it. You will perceive what his opinion on the whole is, with regard to attempting a Persian mission (to the Mohammedans) at present. His judgment in this case is more valuable than that of any other man in this country. While I accord in the views he has expressed

on his first page, I confess myself to have very strong doubts whether it is best to attempt at mission to the mahommedans of Persia for some years to come; at least till our Nestorian mission is well established. But the designs of God's merciful Providence are coming more & more to light, & I may have all my doubts removed before six months have transpired.

You will be interested in knowing that our brethren in Constantinople have agreed to ask the Board to send out a missionary expressly to the Mahommedans of Turkey. This is in consequence of the late events in that empire. Perhaps it is to the Mahommedans of Turkey, rather than of Persia, that God designs to send you. By prayerful inquiry you & we shall know in due time. Praying that you may be divinely guided, & be rendered eminently useful to the followers of the False Prophet, I am

very truly yours

R Anderson

Rev. Ira Tracy
Brunswick Me

Missionary Rooms Boston Apl 25 1833

My Dear Sir

Yours of the 22d inst. was rec yesterday. I do not think it necessary for me to give an opinion at present with respect to the binding obligation of your engagement with Miss W. Whatever that may be, it is almost certain that the present is no time to propose a dissolution of it. Such a proposition now made might have a very injurious effect upon her, & might give just occasion for severe remarks concerning yourself.

I see no objection to your going out unmarried, leaving your engagement just as it is, with the expectation of spending three or four years in missionary labors as a single man. At the expiration of that time, or before, Providence may make your duty clear. It is certain, however, that should not Miss W's health materially improve, she ought not to leave her native land.

Mr. Olyphant informs us that he expects the ship Morrison home early next month, & that it will probably be necessary to hasten her off for Canton. Mr. Williams, the Chinese printer, goes in her, & goes unmarried. Mr. C. himself somewhat expects to go in her; & I have thought that should you see your way clear to go out in the way proposed, you had better go in her also, & go to Canton. There you might confer with Dr Morrison, Mr. Bridgman, Mr. Stevens, &c. & decide in view of their advice & the instructions of the Prudential Comte, whether you shall join the two other brethren in Siam, or devote yourself to the Chinese elsewhere. Late letters from Mr Bridgman & Mr. Abel inform us, that Mr. Jones the Baptist missionary from Burmah, has gone to Siam: so that perhaps it will suffice for us to commence with two, should Providence appear to call you to another part of the field.

I ought to say, that while Mr. Olyphant thought there would not be much room to spare on board the Morrison in case he went, he would rather expect one besides the printer, (to whom (i.e. the printer) he gives a free passage.) It is possible, the intention of Divine Providence to throw you back upon your old plans and expectations in reference to the Chinese.

Should you go in the Morrison, it may be necessary to go away somewhat in haste, though I do not hear that the vessel has yet arrived.

Please write me by return of mail what are your views. As I am alone here I took the liberty to consult your brother & Mr. Hill. I understand them to concur with me in the views I have expressed.

Should you think it desirable to see Miss W. and her friends before making up your mind, you had better do it immediately. Praying the gracious Saviour to guide & bless you, I am most truly yours

R Anderson

To the American Missionaries, in Jaffna, Ceylon. } Missionary Rooms Boston April 26, 33

Dear Brethren

I expect to write you on a variety of topics by a vessel, which is to sail next month. I shall now say a few words with respect to the probable arrangements for the return of Mr. Meigs & company.

There are now four missionaries under appointment for Ceylon all of whom will probably be accompanied by wives. We are endeavoring to procure a passage for them, in the months of June or July, and our present plan is to secure a passage for Mr. Meigs in the ship which takes them out whether that ship be bound direct to Colombo, or to Calcutta. There is a fine ship, formerly a Liverpool packet, which is to sail for Calcutta in July, which can accommodate a great number of passengers. Unless we are sure of obtaining a passage direct to Colombo, we shall endeavor to make a bargain with this ship, (the Doon) to take our brethren to Calcutta, & from thence, on her homeward voyage, to Colombo or Point Pedro, & there take in Mr Meigs, & his family, and the other children. This is all I can say at present. I shall request Mr Reed to come to town on Tuesday & see what can be done. We shall of course lose no time, unnecessarily, either in making the arrangement, or in acquainting you with its nature.

Supposing a vessel to have Boston at the time abovementioned, & to go to Ceylon by way of Calcutta, you can calculate better than I the time at which you might expect her arrival. There would be time, however, after her arrival at Calcutta, to give you seasonable notice, provided she should touch at Pedro or Colombo.

I know not in what respects we could do more to effect the arrangement proposed by Mr. Meigs, & I expect we shall succeed; & yet a partial failure is very possible. The fact of our having seven or eight persons bound direct to the Island

render it much easier to make such an arrangement than it otherwise would be.

A gentleman in one of the Insurance offices stated, the other day, that he had received a letter from his son, who was on board a vessel bound to this country, having a number (I think he said a large number) of missionary's children. Mr. Meigs's letter of Dec. 14th, & indeed the very nature of the case, render it impossible to suppose that they are your children; though we were a little startled at first. If there is truth in the story, they must be from Burmah.

We have received a number of communications from you, the dates of which I will give at the close of this letter.

The names of the brethren who are to go to your help, I have given in former communications. Messrs. Apthorp & Eckard are from Princeton. Mr. Haisington has been two years a pastor in the interior of New York, & was brought up a printer. Mr. Hutchings is well known to Mr. Winslow, being his brother in law. We have not seen Mr. Haisington: He is an intimate friend of Mr. Hutchings, who speaks highly of him: he will expect to assist at the press while learning the language, or until we can procure you a good printer. A printer we shall endeavor to obtain for you, & also such a physician as you request. It will probably be best that these four brethren, including Mr. Eckard, go out without any specific designation from the Com^tee to be disposed of by the mission as shall appear best at the time. All of them seem to be men of amiable, devoted spirits, who will not be difficult to please. Of Mrs. Hutchings, as I have not seen the other ladies, I will say, that she is a very lovely & interesting woman.

The printing press we shall send you will be of the best construction. Besides English types, &c. we shall send stenotype plates for outline and

skeleton maps by Mr. Woodbridge — the skeletons & outlines of his ancient & modern atlas; Also cuts for Woodbridge's smaller Geography & for an elementary geometry; — about a hundred figures of each of the two latter. You can therefore prepare the work in Tamul as soon as you please. I will endeavor to procure cuts illustrative of Scripture history, & some of the more important figures in Trigonometry & Astronomy, before our brethren sail. The book, you have requested will be sent.

Do not fail to give us a well drawn view of your college buildings, &c. for engraving, with a lucid description. Also a view of one of the old churches, with historical notices of the buildings of that description; &c. &c. &c. Through the blessing of Almighty God, the work of Missions must become the great thing in the eyes of the Church of Christ.

But I really have not time to enlarge in this manner, & must close with assurances of the esteem & affection with which I am most truly Yours

R Anderson

P. S. There is quite a passion for idol gods among us. The few we have at the Rooms are in great demand. This is a better sign among us, than among you. Can you not procure a box of them for us? They would be worth the cost, if not extravagantly high, & the charges.

Letters rec'd viz.

Mr. Meigs' dated Decr 14 1832

Memo^s. of their conversions by all the brethren.

Mr. Poor's journal from January to March 1832

" from July to Septr. 1832

Mr. Poor's letter enclosing Mathew's Journal.

Mr. Spaulding, Aug. 30th & Sept. 30. 1832, & Dec 3 /32

Mr. Woodward, Oct 1 1832.

Mr. Winslow's Journal from April 8 to June 29/32

" " letters, Nov. 28, Oct 7, Dec. 4 1832 —

Mr. Justin Perkins, Missionary Room, Boston April 27 1835
Amherst Mass. My Dear sir

I designed to have written you early next week. An interview I have just had with brother Smith, makes it necessary that I write to day, though I must do it with greater brevity than I intended.

Mr. Smith will probably embark for Mattra in August. The precise time must depend on the occurrence of a good opportunity; it may be sooner, or later. I think it desirable that you should accompany him, if you can leave college with propriety some time in the month of July or earlier if necessary. I advise you to obtain ordination during your vacation: it may perhaps be necessary to receive licensure first. Your marriage had better be deferred till the last: only have all the preliminary arrangements in such a state, that, with an effort, you can be in Boston, with your wife, etc., in three weeks, or even a few days less, after a letter reaches you from Boston. You may have a longer notice; but missionaries going to the Mediterranean are generally hurried at the last.

You can receive money in the way you propose, & may draw on Mr. Hill at any time for fifty or a hundred dollars, referring him to me for an explanation.

You ought by all means to have a passport from the Secretary of State at Washington. This is procured gratis by enclosing to him a certificate of your citizenship, stature, complexion, &c. &c. from a Notary Public. If you will send me such a certificate, I will procure the passport for you. Send it soon.

You will need a farewell sermon, of a missionary character, to preach to the students & others at Amherst & to your friends. Whether you would be able to preach it in Boston before embarking, is not certain.

I enclose you Mr. Smith's list of outfit. The articles which you have to purchase can be better obtained, perhaps, for the most part, in Boston, than in the country. Remember also the expense of transportation

However you must exercise your discretion. The articles not mentioned in the list, & yet necessary, we can procure for you at short notice.

Praying the Lord to bless you in all your arrangements I am, my dear sir, though in great haste

very truly yours R Anderson

D. W. C Olyphant Esq. } Missionary Rooms Boston Apl 27, 33
New York city, } My Dear Sir

Rec^d your favor of the 24th. to day. Several days since, I wrote to Mr. Williams of Utica requesting him to be in readiness for embarking early in May. We hope to see him in Boston next week, and to confer with him very fully in relation to his future work.

Mr. Tracy, one of the five ordained missionaries destined to South eastern Asia, and perhaps the most promising of the number, is expected to go unmarried, & I have thought it desirable that he should go in the Morrison, with Mr. Williams, & let his field of labor be determined after reaching Canton, in conference with Dr Morrison, Mr. Bridgman, &c. He is very much of a scholar, & has long had his heart turned towards China.

For the others we have a prospect of obtaining a passage direct to Batavia, & indeed we would send Mr. Tracy direct, in case he cannot be conveniently received on board the Morrison, or should it not be best for him to proceed direct to Canton.

I have written Mr. Tracy on the subject, & expect to hear from him on Monday or Tuesday.

In great haste but most respectfully & truly yours

R Anderson

Rev. Stephen Johnson } Missionary Rooms Boston Apl 29, 33
Brunswick Me } My Dear Brother

The intercourse I have this morning had with a pious merchant in this city, engaged in trade to Eastern Asia, enables me to say

that you may expect to embark sometime in June, & to embark from Boston. We cannot yet say what time in the month, because the ship in which we wish you to go has not yet arrived from Europe, though she is daily expected. For the present let your arrangements be for the 15th of that month. Should an earlier day be fixed upon, you will have notice in time to proportion the length of your visits accordingly. One thing be particular to remember:— let us know from time to time, where our letters will find you.

Should you be hurried at the last, you will have this consolation, that so generally have your brethren been before you, &, so far as I know, have not regretted it when they were through with their farewells. This taking leave of friends for the last time, is rather wearing, & a short time is found to be as good for practical purposes as a long one. Such is the language of experience. I hope you will have as long a time as shall be necessary.

In your intercourse with friends think, that it is probably for the last time, & let it be your earnest prayer that the impression you leave may be favorable. I am, my dear sir, though in great haste very truly yours

R Anderson

Rev. Ira Tracy
Brunswick Me

Missionary Rooms Boston April 29 1833

My Dear Brother

I am more & more persuaded that, if you go out as proposed, you had better make some arrangements to go in the Morrison. I do not see that there would be any harm on the whole in your having to labor a good deal for the conversion of the crew; & we should greatly rejoice should you have to prep Mr. Williams into such a service.

Your visit to Mis W. should be made without delay, as it is necessary to know whether a definite

arrangement shall be made for your passage. I regret that you cannot remain till the close of the Lectures, but an all wise Providence seems to order otherwise.

Your address had better be stereotyped in Boston, after you have been to Worcester county.

In very great haste but very truly yours
R Anderson

Rev. Henry Lyman, Missionary Rooms Boston April 29 1833
Brunswick Me } My Dear Brother

On the subject of your embarkation, I must, for want of time, refer you to what I have written to Mr. Munson: so also, with regard to the other subject upon which we have lately corresponded, & which is now so happily, through divine mercy, put at rest.

We think well of your coming to Boston, after finishing the Lectures at Brunswick, (agreeably to your suggestion to Dr Woods,) & attending on the Hospital practice.

In great haste but very truly yours
R Anderson

Rev. Samuel Munson, Missionary Rooms Boston Apl 29 1833
Brunswick, Me, } My Dear Brother

I have this morning called again on Mr. Richardson of this city, who is daily expecting the arrival of a large ship engaged in the China trade. Mr. Richardson is a member of our church (i.e. Bowdoin Street) & being able to depend upon his good disposition, we should prefer making our contract with him if possible. He has heard of the arrival of the ship in Europe, & says he should not hesitate to make a contract to send the whole company out in that or some other good vessel; in all the month of June. He sends the ship direct to Batavia.

You may now make your calculations to embark in the month of June, & will do well to aim

it being ready by the 15th of June. If you may indeed be called upon to sail earlier than that day; but, so far as we have now the means of judging, the probability is you will not.

Dr. Wisner will write a few lines on the other leaf of this sheet, with regard to your visit to the cape. We think favorably of your making such a visit, & of your being married first, & taking your wife with you.

I bless God for the result he has been pleased to give to the late visit of Drs. Fay & Wisner to Brunswick. I know that the case on our part admitted of a satisfactory explanation; but the difficulty, in such cases, is to ascertain on what precise point the finger needs to be placed. This is to be discovered by free explanation, & I rejoice much that they have been made. I was sure it was best for the Com^ee^ & yourself & Mr. Lyman to know every thing before you went abroad. It is not easy to remove the grounds of misunderstanding when the parties are on opposite sides of the world. May God, in mercy to this holy & blessed cause, forbid that there should ever be any others.

We shall be happy to see you & Mr. Muzzy on in Boston. In great haste but very truly yours

R Anderson

Rev. Charles Robinson
Churchville N. Y.

Missionary Rooms Boston Apl. 30 1833

My Dear Brother

We expect to engage your passage in a vessel to sail from this port sometime in the month of June; we cannot yet fix upon the day, nor the week of her departure. Till you hear more definitely from us, you will do well to make all your arrangements so as to be ready by the 15th of June – keeping us informed where letters will find you; so that we may give you seasonable information whether you must embark sooner or may have a somewhat longer time. Your visiting should all be completed. Your marriage you will

attend to before or after as shall be most convenient: there is no reason to be urged on our part for delaying it longer.

If you need money for travelling expenses, or for articles of outfit which you must obtain before coming to Boston, you are at liberty to draw on Mr. Hill for fifty or a hundred dollars. Remember, in respect to baggage, that it is not profitable to bring heavy or bulky articles a great distance, especially if you have to purchase them in the first instance.

If you keep us informed where letters will find you, you need not come to Boston till you have more definite information as to the time of your embarkation.

I write you in great haste, but pray that you may do a great deal of good while parting with friends whom you are probably never to see again; & am with kind regards to Mrs Church, very truly

Yours R Anderson.

Rev Daniel Temple
Mattra

Missionary Rooms Boston May 24 1833

My Dear Brother

The sailing of the Tenedos tomorrow morning has taken me by surprise, as I had understood from the advertisement that she would not go till the middle of the next week. I can therefore only write a line to accompany the usual papers, pamphlets, &c.

I have rec'd yours of Oct 17, 24, Nov 26, Jan'y 10 & Feb 12th. I have say also to Mr. Hallock, that I have rec'd his favor of Jan'y 5th. The coincidence of the date & opinions of your last letter, and mine of Feb'y 12th, interested me a good deal. I hope you have rec'd that letter.

We have rec'd as a donation a set of cuts for Woodbridge's Geography in modern Greek, and have obtained 2 sets of stereotype castings from them:

The set was presented by Cooke & Co, & we send you the original cuts. Some of the more interesting cuts in Woodbridge's 15th edition are wanting, & we have procured Amherst College & Jerusalem to be engraved, but, I am sorry to say, they are not quite ready to be sent. They will go by the next vessel, as will a very good set of Geometrical figures fitted for small elementary works.

We are also really ready to send you stereotype plates of the maps in Mr. Woodbridge's Atlas (not yet published) of "Outline & skeleton maps"; of which he has allowed us to take several sets of castings. They are 25 in number. They are outlines & skeletons of maps to be filled up by the learner.

The cuts are in a box addressed to you. There are also 2 bundles; one containing various magazines, papers, &c, the other a small bundle of Heralds. I enclose four letters for you in an envelope.

Mr. Smith is very happily engaged to Miss Huntingdon of Norwich; he will probably sail for Malta in August. He will take out additions to the present stock of printing materials. I hope you & Mr. Hallock will make out a list of the necessary additions, so that if anything is omitted, it may be sent after he has left. I am hoping your list will arrive before he goes.

I regret that you are so disposed to adventure into the Turkish empire with the press. Mr. Hallock, I doubt not, will be glad to be on ground better adapted to missionary labors. The case of his books ~~I think~~ admits, I think, of a satisfactory explanation. He has not fallen upon the correct one; but I have not time now to explain. The Lord be with & help you all.

Most truly Yours

R Anderson

Enclosed in the above letter a copy of Cook & Co's letter.

To the Rev Dr Milnor Sec'y for Foreign Cor. of Am. Bib. Society } Missionary Room, Boston, May 22 1833

Rev & Dear Sir

Your letter of the 12th ult., with a copy of the report of your Com^tee on the Foreign Distribution of the Scriptures, has been rec^d & laid before our Com^tee. We are truly grateful for the kind & speedy notice which our application for aid received from yourself & your associates in the correspondence & management of your Society. On the subject of the resolutions adopted by the Board of Managers, it is my duty & happiness to transmit the following resolution adopted by our Prudential Com^tee at a meeting held during the present week, viz

"Resolved, That the thanks of the Com^tee be given to the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society for the liberal grants recently made to several of the missions under the care of the Board, for the purpose of aiding those missions in the printing and distribution of the Holy Scriptures."

I would suggest that in paying over these sums granted, that to our Bombay mission should be paid last; owing to the generous donation of $5000, lately paid by your Treasurer, & to some unexpected delays in the reprinting of the Mahratta Scripture.

I would also request the attention of yourself & your associates in the correspondence of your Society, to the following resolution of our Com^tee adopted at the same meeting. The object of the resolution is obvious. It will enable the Com^tee to cooperate with your Society, & also with their own missionaries, without embarrassment, & far more effectually than at present, in supplying the world with the word of life.

"Resolved, That the Managers of the American Bible Society, & of the Philadelphia Bible Society & the Executive Com^tee of the American Tract Society, be respectfully requested to conduct their

correspondence with the missions of the Board, (to aid which in printing & distributing the Scriptures & Tracts, they have made, or may hereafter make, pecuniary grants) through the Prudential Comte; & that instructions be sent to those missions to conduct their correspondence with those Societies also through the Prudential Comte."

Dr. Wisner, one of our Secretaries, will shortly leave your City, Providence permitting, and will explain the reasons for this resolution more fully, if necessary.

I am, Rev & Dear Sir, very Respectfully & truly yours

R Anderson

Rev George Boggs
Secy Phila Bible Soy
Philadelphia

Missionary Rooms Boston May 4, 33

Rev & Dear Sir

At a meeting of the Prudential Comte during the present week, the Treasurer of the Board acquainted them with the donation of a Thousand dollars from the Managers of the Bible Society of Philadelphia, for the printing of the Hawaiian New Testament. It has consequently become my duty & pleasure to communicate the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the thanks of the Comte be given to the Phila Bible Society for the liberal grant recently made by that Society of one thousand dollars to aid in printing the Holy Scriptures in the language of the Sandwich Islands."

As it is to be hoped that a good deal of intercourse will yet exist between yourself as Secy of the Phila Bible Society, & the missions of the Board, on the subject of the foreign destitution of the Scriptures, I beg your attention to the following resolution of our Comte, the object of which is to enable the Comte to cooperate understandingly & efficiently with the Societies therein named, & with the missions of the Board; viz:

Here follows the Resolution agreeable to the second

Resolution in letter to Dr Milnor of this date marked thus ✗ to distinguish it.

Dr Wisner, one of the Secretaries of the Board will shortly be in your City, Providence permitting, and will make any further communications on this subject which may be desirable.

I am dear Sir very respectfully & truly yours

R Anderson

Silas E Burrows Esqr
N York city

Missionary Rooms Boston May 11 1833

Dear Sir

At a meeting of the Prudential Com^tee of our Board held during the present week, your letter of the 15th ult^o was communicated and the following Resolution was entered upon the minutes of the Com^tee: viz

"Resolved, that the thanks of the Com^tee be given to Silas E Burrows Esqr of the city of New York for his generous offer of a gratuitous passage to two missionaries of the Board, who shall be sent out to explore the eastern coast of Patagonia; & that the Com^tee will endeavor to have the missionaries in readiness to embrace the offer of Mr. Burrows in the month of August next."

I have already informed you that we have but one missionary engaged, & that for the reason owing to the scarcity of clerical men adapted to this very self denying enterprise, & to the peculiar nature of the service, we were looking for a pious & intelligent layman. We shall use our best endeavors to avail ourselves of your kindness at the time proposed.

The Rev. Dr Wisner one of the Secretaries of our Board, is about visiting the city of New York, & will have the pleasure of conferring with you personally on this subject. In great haste

but with much respect
I am dear sir very truly yours
R Anderson

Rev Wm A Hallock, Sec'y of Am. Tr. Society, } Mis. Room, Boston May 4 1833

My Dear Brother

I beg leave to request your attention to the following Resolution of our Com^tee, adopted during the present week. It is intended to enable us to cooperate more effectually with your Society, & with our brethren in the several missions, in promoting the supply of the heathen world with religious tracts. Dr Wisner will explain to you the reasons of its adoption more fully. I know you will feel their force, and will agree with our Com^tee that the rule we propose to you is reasonable & expedient. With regard to your own communications, nothing more will be necessary than to allow us to seal & transmit them.

"Resolved (Mem^d Here follows the Resolution agreeable to the second Resolution in letter to Dr Milnor of this date, marked thus ✱ to distinguish it)

Referring you to brother Wisner for the necessary explanations, I am dear brother
very truly Yours R Anderson

Rev Wm C Woodbridge, Boston } Missionary Room, Boston May 4 1833

My Dear Sir

It is both my duty and pleasure to communicate to you the following resolution of our Prudential Committee, viz.

"Resolved ✱ That the thanks of the Com^tee be given to the Rev. Wm C Woodbridge of Boston, for the generous interest he has shewn in the diffusion of knowledge where the Board has established its missions, by securing to the Board the right and privilege of obtaining castings from the stereotype plates employed in his

"atlas of outline & skeleton maps"; and also for the valuable aid received from him in procuring castings of a large proportion of the cuts in his Geography, for the use of the missions of the Board beyond sea."

Believing that the aid you have thus afforded us in our efforts, will be blessed by our gracious Lord to your own great usefulness in benighted and populous portions of the earth, I am, my dear sir,

Your much obliged friend & brother

R Anderson

Mess Cooke & Co } Missionary Rooms Boston May 14 1833
Hartford Conn } Gentlemen

At a meeting of the Prudential Committee held during the present week, the following resolution was adopted, which I am happy to communicate; viz.

"Resolved, That the thanks of the Com^ee be given to Messrs Cooke & Co of Hartford, Conn, for their generous donation of a set of cuts for an edition of Woodbridge's Geography in Modern Greek, with liberty to use the same in publications in any other foreign languages employed by the missionaries of the Board."

The missionaries will of course be apprised of the restrictions in the use of these cuts, to which they are very properly subjected by the terms on which the donation was made, and will no doubt observe them.

We shall send a set of castings from these cuts to Ceylon, for an edition (or more properly a compilation) of Mr. Woodbridge's Geography in Tamul. The English copies of this work are in general use among the Tamul youth in the mission seminary, who make our language one of their studies.

Some of the facts mentioned in this letter will be stated in the next number of the Missionary Herald. I am Gent^n very Resp^y your R Anderson

Missionary Rooms, Boston, May, 9. 1833.

Mr. Wm. Arms,
Berkshire Co.

My Dear Sir,

Mr. Burrows has generously offered to take out yourself & another to the Western Coast of Patagonia, & land you in a suitable port, free-cost. The vessel goes, he says, in August. You can of course be ready by that time; but, what prospect have you of finding a suitable lay brother?

I find in one of the numbers of the Royal Geographical Society's Journal (London,) an accurate chart of the Patagonian coast, drawn in 1826-30 by order of the British Admiralty. There are Capt. Morrell's identical Guaianeso Islands, in lat. 47½ S., which nobody had ever heard of.

We have written to Mr. Burrows, transmitting the following resolution of the Committee.

Resolved, "that the thanks of the Committee be given to Silas E. Burrows Esq. of the city of New York, for his generous offer of a gratuitous passage to two Missionaries of the Board, who shall be sent out to explore the Western Coast of Patagonia; & that the Committee will endeavour to have the missionaries in readiness to embrace the offer of Mr. Burrows in the month of August next.

We must pray the Lord of the Harvest to send us the man we so much need to accompany you. In, great haste, &c. R. Anderson

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Missionary Rooms, Boston,
May, 9. 1833.

Mr. S. C. Knapp,
Montpelier Vt.

My Dear Sir

We have now as many printers connected with the Sandwich Islands mission, as it will probably be expedient to send to it. The only mission in which a printer is in immediate demand, is that in Ceylon. There may be other calls soon, & probably will be in the course of a year or two.

I have not a distinct recollection of the conversation you refer to in August of 1831, but shall be happy to give any information necessary to determine your duty to the perishing Heathen, & am, tho' in much haste,

very truly &c. R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms, Boston, May, 9. 1833.

Mr. Wm. Poor,
Salem Ms.

My Dear Sir,

I laid the letters you sent me before the Prudential Committee, & the following resolutions were adopted viz.

Warren Poor, son of the Rev. Daniel Poor a missionary of the Board, in Ceylon, having been in this country, about three years, & application being now made to the Committee by his friends, for the first time, for pecuniary aid in his support;

Resolved, that the treasurer be authorized to pay fifty dollars, for this purpose, for the present year.

"Resolved; that Mr. Anderson be instructed to prepare for the Committee a ---- view of the facts & considerations, which are necessary to determine the claims that the Children of Missionaries sent to this country for education, have upon the Board. Since these resolutions were adopted, we have received a letter from Professor Hitchcock, making inquiries similar to your own. to whom shall the ~~[illegible]~~ be sent.

R. Anderson

Rev Isaac Worcester, Missionary Room, Boston May 9 1833
Leicester Mass } My Dear Sir

We have lately rec.d a joint letter from the missionaries in Ceylon, from which the following are extracts.

(Mem.o) Here follows, the extract

The foregoing extracts will apprise you of the exigency there is at present in our Ceylon mission. My object in writing you is to ascertain, whether there is anything in your situation, or in your views of duty, which would certainly prevent your going to Ceylon in the capacity above described, in case an appointment were given you by the Board. We regard your attainments as being such, that you might easily qualify yourself for your duties in the Seminary with the helps you would find, or may have, in Ceylon; & we should rejoice if a physician could be found to accompany the four clergymen who are expected to embark for Jaffna in July: but the time is probably too short. There will be no difficulty, I apprehend, in convincing you that the proposed situation, with the blessing of God, would be one of great usefulness.

Be so good, my dear sir, as to write me as soon as may be convenient, & with entire freedom, & believe me to be very respectfully & truly yours

R Anderson

Mr. J. R. Echard } Missionary Room, Boston May 10 1833
Savannah Ga. } My Dear Sir

I have just rec.d your letter of the 1st inst., & have but a moment in which to reply by the present mail.

Permit me to congratulate you upon the favor of our Divine Master in giving you the prospect of a companion, in whose qualifications for usefulness in the missionary service we have the greatest confidence.

Passing on to business – for I have but a moment as I said, – I would inform you, that

that we are making an arrangement to secure a passage for yourself & brethren from this port, in July, & have a fair prospect of succeeding: If we cannot procure one direct to Ceylon, we shall probably engage one to Calcutta, in the Dover, a large ship, formerly a Liverpool packet.

I cannot now tell what time in July it will be necessary to be in Boston. As fast as we obtain precise information we will communicate it. The precise time of making your various preliminary arrangements, we have entirely for yourself to determine, only requesting you, if possible, to be as near a, Philadelphia, by the first of July, unless you should receive intelligence of a very different nature from that now communicated — I mean as to the time of sailing. Let me know when letters will find you.

We shall very cordially welcome you & yours on your arrival in Boston, & I pray you present my christian salutations to the lady who has consented to become the partner of your labors & sufferings for Christ' sake, & believe me very affly yours

R Anderson

D. W. C. Olyphant Esqr, New York City } Missionary Room, Boston May 11 1833

My Dear Sir

As none of us had ever seen Mr. Williams, the printer for the China mission, we wrote to him to visit Boston, and he has spent two days in my family. During this time I have conversed with him a good deal, & attentively studied his character. He leaves us to day for New York & Utica, by way of Hartford & N Haven, & will call upon you in the day or two he is to spend in your city.

As you take a deep interest in every thing that concerns the China mission, I have thought it might be well to give you some of the results of my

acquaintance with Mr. Williams.

He was appointed as is necessarily the case with many of our missionaries & assistant missionaries, upon the strength of our testimonials. So far as I have been able to discover, his natural talents, & his attainments in his profession, & in the mathematics, & in several of the natural sciences, are fully equal to what we were authorized to expect. In this latter subject he is in advance not only of all the printers we have ever sent out, but probably of more than half of our ordained missionaries. Should he hereafter improve in other respects, as I hope he will, these acquisitions will contribute not a little to the superior ability of his standing among the Europeans & Americans of eastern Asia.

His piety falls below his testimonials. I trust he has the principle within him, but it has not been cultivated as it should have been. He has not been favorably situated. The whole influence of the Rensselaer school appears to be secular. I perceive that the conversations of the last two days have taken hold upon him, & I cannot but hope that Mr. Tracy's influence, should he also go in the Morrison, will be eminently salutary; but the intercourse of the first day was painful, the want of spiritual cultivation was so apparent.

Mr. Williams's age (he is scarcely 21) will be favorable to his acquisition of the language of China. He appears younger than he is; so does his father, full 15 years. His habits & manners are those of the schools, but the latter will necessarily improve; & so, I strongly hope, will all his habits & his whole character, when he becomes the associate of missionaries, & finds himself actually invested with the most solemn responsibilities.

We have been indebted to Mr. Williams's father for three of our best printers in times past. May the son equal them all. He has liberty to revisit his native land at the expiration of four

or five years. All our male missionaries who go out unmarried are regarded as having this liberty, of which they may avail themselves, or not, as they choose. It promotes contentment, without which a missionary will accomplish little. Should Mr. W. disappoint our expectations, his engagement with the Board will then terminate.

I ought to add that up to this day we have heard of no other printer of suitable qualification, to be sent to Canton, who would go out unmarried.

Perhaps, my dear Sir, I ought not to trouble you with this letter; but in view of the deep interest you feel in every thing which concerns the Chinese mission, & of the support it has received from you I thought something of the kind to be due.

I have told Mr. W. not to speak of the sailing of the Morrison till you give him leave. When you know the time she is to commence her voyage, I will thank you to inform me that the necessary preparation may be made in season. I write in much haste, but am, Dear Sir, Very respectfully & truly yours R Anderson.

Rev. Edward Hitchcock, Missionary Room, Boston May 13, 1833
Amherst College } My dear Sir

Your favor of the 28th ult. was rec'd about the same time with a letter from Mr. Poor of Danvers on the same subject.

As this is the first application of the kind, the Com. have thought it necessary to proceed with a due regard to the future. In short, they are much at a loss to know what they ought to do, as what is done for Warren will be urged, or may be urged, as a precedent not only in relation to the other boys from the same mission, but to all the boys from all the foreign missions. The following resolutions will shew you what was done.

1 Warren Poor, son of the Rev Daniel Poor, a miss

ionary of the Board in Ceylon, having been in this country about three years, and application being now made to the Com^tee by his friends, for the first time, for pecuniary aid in his support;

"Resolved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay fifty dollars for this purpose for the present year.

Resolved, that Mr. Anderson be instructed to prepare for the Com^tee a condensed view of the facts & considerations, which are necessary to determine the claim that the children of missionaries sent to this country for education, have upon the Board."

Since these resolutions were adopted, Mr. Hill has ascertained that £75 (pounds Sterling) were advanced for Warren by the mission on his leaving Ceylon. As the rule adopted for the Ceylon mission (see Mis. Herald vol. ~~vol.~~ 27 pp. 27.28) would allow him to receive at the most, but 6 terms £16.4, if he was then 12 years of age, it will be seen that his fund is nearly exhausted.

For myself, I am appalled with the magnitude & difficulty of this whole subject. The fate of missionaries' children male & female, raised in the Society Island, has been such, that I perceive all the children of our missionaries at the Sandwich Islands will be thrown upon this country for education & probably ought to be.

It will be of service to us, and can certainly be no prejudice to the cause of your interesting ward, if you will fully give us your views of the necessities of Warren Poor, and of his claim upon the Board.

I have informed Mr. Poor of Danvers of the grant of 50 dollars, & have inquired to whom the money shall be paid. Hoping to hear from you soon I am, Rev & Dear Sir, very Resp^y & truly yours

R Anderson

P.S. I should exceedingly regret seeing Warren arrested in his education

& cannot help hoping that some way will be provided to enable him to go on; but situated as I am do not yet know what to advise.

Mr J Leighton Wilson, New York City } Missionary Rooms Boston May 13 1833

My Dear Sir

I am happy to learn by your letter of May 3, that you have determined to visit the north this summer, and that you expect to be in New York so early as the present week. Brother Wisner will probably be in that city, two or 3 weeks hence, on his return from Philadelphia. But although you might see him, I should still be desirous that you should come on to Boston, that I might confer with you, more particularly than he will have time or is prepared to do. I have some doubts whether the fall is the best time in which to embark, owing to the rainy season, & shall ~~write~~ immediately write Mr. Gurley for information on that point. Should you be detained a few days at New York, please inform me when I may expect you; & believe me very truly Yours

R Anderson

Rev R R Gurley, Washington City } Mission Rooms Boston May 13 1833

My Dear Brother

I have some doubts whether the autumn is the best time for our missionaries to embark for Africa, owing to the rainy season. Will you please to inform me whether my doubts are well founded, and what is the most proper season to enter W. Africa. We have two good men pledged to go at the right time.

A speedy answer will much oblige

Yours very truly R. A.

P. S. I should be glad to know when we shall be most likely to obtain a good passage for our missionaries.

Rev. Allen Graves } Mission Rooms May 13. 1833
Fairhaven Vt. } My Dear Brother

A great many causes have conspired to delay my reply to your letter of the 23d Ult. I believe I must trust to your kindness to imagine them and excuse my delay.

Your suggestions with regard to the manner of providing your support while in this country, came before the Committee at the same time with Mr Allen's which however were of a different nature from yours - agreeing only in this respect that the allowance should be fixed.

But after considering the subject the Committee thought it best to adhere to their old and invariable plan hitherto one which has not been found difficult in practise and which never yet occasioned any difficulty; that of furnishing a support, and allowing the missionary to draw for what he needs, whether more or less. I pray you not to give yourself needless solicitude with regard to the amount to which you may properly draw. The Committee do not think you have drawn unreasonably hitherto, and they wish you to take all proper measures for the recovery of your health.

We have felt a good deal of solicitude in consequence of the intelligence Mr Allen brings from Bombay. Nothing has been done towards expending the appropriations of the American Bible & Tract Societies. Not far from $1500 have been paid by the Tract Society and $5000 by the Bible & $3000 more voted recently. It is obvious that in some way judicious methods of spending this money must be found, and found very speedily. And the Committee are more and more of opinion that great sacrifices ought to be made if necessary, not involving religious principle, to secure a cooperation with the Bible Society of Bombay. The opinion was expressed to the American Bible Society in a communication made to the managers before Mr Allen's return. Mr Allen brought home the last report of that Society, of which I presume he sent you a copy. - This

we have particularly examined, and the Committee have informally agreed upon the following resolutions as expressing their views, and which they desire me to communicate to you that they may have the benefit of your remarks before acting finally & formally upon them. The preamble & resolutions are as follows - viz.

"The Fourteenth Report of the Bombay Auxiliary Bible Society, containing the principles on which that Society intends to proceed in preparing such parts of the Holy Scriptures for new and large editions as have been translated into the Mahratta language by the missionaries of the Board, having been laid before the Committee and those principles appearing to the Committee to be judicious and proper and to afford reasonable security, in the hands of the Sub-Committee of Translation mentioned in that Report that the version will be worthy of the patronage of the American Bible Society and of the Missionaries of the Board in the Mahratta Country;

"Resolved - That the Committee gratefully acknowledge the liberal aid, which the Mission of the Board in Bombay has received from the Bombay Auxiliary Bible Society and the respectful notice taken in the Fourteenth report of that Society of the translations of the Scriptures made by the Missionaries of the Board into the Mahratta language.

"Resolved - That the Bombay auxiliary Bible Society be respectfully requested to furnish the Missionaries of the Board among the Mahratta people with copies of portions of the Holy Scriptures prepared in the manner described in their last report, to such an extent as the Mission shall desire.

"Resolved - That the Missionaries of the Board in the Mahratta Country be instructed to make special exertions to distribute the Holy Scriptures among the people speaking the Mahratta language"

The Committee do not express the opinion in these

resolution that the translation prepared by the Bombay Aux. Society will be a perfect one; but that the course pursued is one which promises a version which the A.B. Society may properly purchase. Nor will the purchase of numerous Copies of their version necessarily prevent the printing of a better version hereafter should that be found advisable.

As your version is made the basis of the one now in the course of preparation it seems desirable that your revised copy should be in Bombay as soon as possible. I doubt not you would be willing to see your favorite system of punctuation, orthography &c disregarded for a season at least if thereby some thousands of Copies more of the lively oracles, faithfully translated on the whole, are put into the hands of the people. I beg you write me immediately and freely. Mrs Anderson desires love to Mrs Graves - My regards to her and believe me very affectionately and truly Yours

R. Anderson Sec'y

Rev Levi Chamberlain } Miss. Rooms Boston
Honolulu S. Islands } May 14. 1833

My Dear Brother

To my extreme regret I find the parcel of Circulars which I had designed to send by the Lagoda was thrown into the place for Ceylon parcels and letters, which is just beneath that for the Sand. Isls. and did not go. I therefore send a parcel to Valparaiso, and shall send another in some other direction, hoping they will reach the Is.ds in time to be of use. Only one copy went & that accompanied the General Letter

We have received many letters from the Islands since the Lagoda sailed, but I have not time now to say what, except that one of them contained the result of consultations after the return of the brethren from the Washington Is.ds with which we are well satisfied - The latest date I remark was Dec 19. — We are all well - Another five thousand dollars has been voted by the A.B.

Society for supplying the Sand. Isl. with the Holy Scriptures and a thousand dollars have been paid by the Philadelphia Bible Society – Other grants will come, & the Mission will find it necessary to urge the business of translating and printing the Scriptures onward with great energy or to check the growing zeal in this country & that we ought to be very reluctant & backward to do. Some of the Brethren write as if they cannot push the translation of the Scriptures for want of the necessary helps. The lists which many of the brethren have kindly sent us of the books in their possession will throw some light on our path. But why do not the Mission come to an understanding on this subject since they appear fully to understand their wants & say as a Mission, what books they need; and if it costs a thousand Dollars, to secure the books, they shall be secured & sent as soon as possible.

For the sake of enabling the Committee to co-operate more efficiently with the Bible & Tract Societies, & the several Missions, in the multiplication of Bibles & Religious Tracts in heathen lands & to avoid evils, real & apprehended, & very obvious, (such as mortifying & mischievous discrepancies between our statements & yours &c) the Committee have passed the following resolution which I beg you to communicate to your brethren.

"Resolved – That the Managers of the American Bible Society, & of the Phil.a Bible Soc.y & the Executive Committee of the Am. Tract Soc.y, be respectfully requested to conduct their correspondence with the Missions of the Board (to aid which in printing and distributing the Scriptures & tracts they have made, or may hereafter make pecuniary grants) through the Prudential Committee"

All that is necessary is, that your letters come enclosed and unsealed to us

I did not think of writing so much when I began. A long letter went by the Lagada 18

many books &c &c Desiring affect. regards to all I am very truly yrs

R. Anderson Sec'y of A B C F M

P.S. Please say to Mr Smith that his letter dated Feb 11 has come to hand. I trust all have arrived well and that Mr Fuller's courage has revived. The remark may not be unseasonable that for several years past the Committee have not sent out assistant Missionaries or any others unmarried, because they preferred sending persons in that State – They would have preferred the Contrary had circumstances favored it

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Worcester, May, 15. 1833.

Rev. Ira Tracy,
W. Brookfield,

My Dear brother

I find it expedient to remain at my house today, to avoid the interruptions I am subject to at the rooms. I will however prepare a few lines to send in by the morning stage. They must be few.

We were disappointed yesterday in not getting a quorum of the Committee together. I submitted, your case, however, to those who were present, & the united opinion of all was, that should you now be married, you had better remain in this country for some months, & perhaps, a year to come.

It does not seem to them to be at all probable, that two or three months, could possibly afford evidence of Mrs. W. recovery sufficient to justify her taking the voyage. It is by no means certain what the influence of the voyage would be. A case was mentioned where a young man had taken two voyages to the China Seas on account of this very decease, & had received no benifit.

Whether you shall be married, or not, is a question the Com^m would not take upon them to decide

in any shape, nor ever to express an opinion upon it. They would rejoice however, in view of the exigencies of the case, if Providence should allow you to go in the Morrison with Mr. Williams, as his youth is such that he will greatly need a ministerial companion. Should Miss. White remove, & be able to go to S. E. Asia three or four years hence, & were you now to go out unmarried, & would then return, be married, & take her with you. We do not think it would strike the public as favorably for you to leave her behind you for two or three years as your wife as in her present relation. On the correctness of this view we have no doubt.

The case is a trying one, & we feel much for you & for her. May the Lord afford you his gracious direction.

The Morrison had not arrived last Saturday, but was expected daily, & would probably sail again in two or three weeks after her arrival.

I am, &c. yours R. Anderson

P.S. I see by the papers of this morning that the Morrison arrived at New York on the 13th. inst. 110 day from Canton. D. Greene,

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Rev. Leonard Bacon, New Haven Conn. } Mis. Room Boston May 15 1833

My Dear Brother

We are in want of a good printer to send to Ceylon & Mr Hutchings has mentioned a Mr Miner, connected I think in some way with Dea. Whiting, as a suitable candidate for the appointment, but refers us to you for further information. Be good as to favor us with your views of Mr Miner's qualifications for such a service. Should you think as well of him as Mr Whiting does we shall be prepared to open a correspondence with him without delay. Sam'l T. Anderson Sec.

Rev. D. O. Allen } Miss. Rooms Boston
Worcester Mass. } May 16 1833

My Dear Brother

I feel a great and pleasing interest in the subject of your letter from New York rec^d yesterday by the hands of Dr Codman, & cannot but rejoice that you have been led to this Country that you might see the Spirit which is now waking in our land in respect to the distribution of the H & Tracts in foreign lands.

I am unable to write more than these few lines to day. I have no doubt that it is very desirable you should return to Bombay soon: but the time, the manner of your return, &c. we can far better discuss viva voce.

The Ann^l. Meeting at Dover N.H. which you are expected to attend is on the 23^d

Most truly yours R. Anderson

Rev. S. Holmes } Miss. Rooms Boston
New Bedford } May 16 1833

My Dear Sir

I send you the foregoing extract from the letter of our Missionaries who went in the Averick to the Sandwich Is^ds to Capt Swain the master of that Ship. You will make what use of it you please

Most truly yours
R. Anderson Sec. pro tem ABCFM

Mr S. Wells Williams } Miss. Rooms Boston
Utica N.Y. } May 17 1833

My Dear Sir

I see the Morrison has arrived, but know not yet how soon she is to sail I presume you received definite information from Mr Olyphant on that point.

I rejoice that I had so much opportunity to converse with you concerning the nature of your relation to the Board & your future labors. I think it of great importance that you understand these points correctly & that you do not embark for China without being fully satisfied not only that you do understand them, but that you can sustain these relations & perform the duties growing out of them, cheerfully.

Going out unmarried as you do you will be at liberty to visit your native land for a season if you desire to, at the expiration of four or five years. You will understand that our printing at present is in the English language. Our Chinese printing has been done by Chinese: how far you will be able to exert an immediate agency in Chinese printing hereafter, is more than I am able to tell.

One thing is certain: there is an immense amount of printing to be done in Chinese, and there must be somebody acquainted with the art, & interested in the cause to procure it done, & see that it is done faithfully. In respect these & other points, we shall prepare Instructions, which will be given you before you embark if they can be got ready, or be sent after you.

We do not suppose the time will ever come when the care & superintendance, - the close & active superintendance, of our printing establishment can be given for any considerable time, into the hands of persons raised in that part of the world; at least it must be long first. Of course you will be much confined to one place. No man knows enough of the future to say with confidence where our press will be, four years hence, it may be at Canton; it is as likely it will be elsewhere. Canton will be the best place if the press can operate freely & with a good degree of security. My late

acquaintance with you will give me a permanent interest in your prosperity & usefulness. I feel a great & even painful anxiety that you should enter upon your missionary career with such motives as the Divine Saviour will approve. See that the desire to travel, & behold strange countries & people, & that the love of fame have no improper influence. Give yourself up my dear sir, to the love of God in Christ & to an earnest desire to be an instrument in saving myriads of souls in eastern Asia & I have a pleasing assurance that you will become an eminently useful missionary in the sphere to which Providence seems to be calling you. I beg you to write me immediately on receiving this, and inform me what Mr Olyphant says to you with regard to the time of your being in New York. I presume the Morrisons will be away in two or three weeks from this time & you will need to be in N York several days before they go. Please remember me to your father & friends & believe me very truly

Yrs R. Anderson Secy A.B.C.F.M.

Rev. E. C. Bridgman, Canton China } Missionary Rooms Boston May 15 1833

My Dear Brother

My last to you was dated March 9th, and was sent by Mr. Tilden. Since then we have rec'd yours of Nov 10th (to Mr. Hill) & Dec 1st & 3d & Jany 19th. The last I received this morning. The Circular from Dr Morrison & yourself came to hand on the 12th Ult.

I have made arrangements by which I hope to write you more frequently in time to come, than I have done in time past. I shall at any rate be more frequently reminded to look for vessels sailing from this port for Canton.

We are much pleased with the Repository, as you will see by the frequent use we make of it in the Herald.

It is well conducted. I am afraid however, that your health will not be such that you can sustain so much of it as now rests upon you, & your other labors beside. Mr. Stevens will probably be able to save some time from his labors among the seamen & his study of the Chinese language, to render you valuable assistance. I have been hoping that one of the five missionary about to sail for S.E. Asia, would go unmarried, & in the Morrison, & be ready to remain for a season at Canton, if necessary. The one I have in view has written much for the press, & belongs to a race of Editors. It is very doubtful whether he will be able to go immediately.

Mr. S. Wells. Williams, a son of Mr. Williams of Utica N.Y. is expected to go to you as a missionary printer, in the Morrison. He is young, scarcely 21, & on becoming personally acquainted with him, I do not find that his piety has been as much cultivated as I could desire. He is very well educated, especially in the natural sciences, & you must endeavor to prepare him for eminent usefulness in his department. As I said in my last, we must soon carry on the Chinese printing on a large scale somehow & somewhere. We must do it very soon. There is a spirit waking up in this country in respect to the circulation of the Scriptures & religious Tracts, but especially the Scriptures, among the heathen, which will not take a denial, & which must by all means be gratified. I wish you to feel yourself solemnly bound to put matters in train as fast as possible to expend many thousand dollars annually in printing the Holy Scriptures & Tracts in the Chinese language. Fifteen hundred dollars have already been paid by the American Tract Society, & 3000 dollars have recently been voted by the American Bible Society. Remember my dear brother, these are but the commencement of a mighty river

The American Bible Society in my belief, will soon appropriate 100 000 dollars a year to the foreign distribution. You may presume upon a continual increase in the amount of appropriations both from the Bible & Tract Societies, & should lay plans accordingly.

Mr. Williams will take out some addition to the printing establishment. We shall wish to know all that you will ~~need~~ ~~[illegible]~~ of books, apparatus, money, &c. in order to exert the greatest amount of evangelical influence.

With this I send you a printed Circular (I believe I have sent one before) to which I hope you will be able to devote some time. A week or a fortnight, or even a month, devoted to writing answers to the inquiries there made, would be time well spent in reference to your mission. The replies to those questions cannot fail to exert a good deal of influence on the plans of the Board.

Are Dr. Morrison's Chinese works to be bought in London, & at what price? If they may not be had in China, & may be had in London, you had better send to London for three or four sets, on account of the Board.

The Vancouver takes out a parcel of pamphlets, papers &c for you.

I have written to Mr. Abeel repeatedly, but always under the impression that my letters might find him on his way home. We hope to see him ere long, that he may go through the Dutch churches. —

Desiring an affectionate remembrance to Mr. Stevens I am, Dear Brother

very truly Yours

R Anderson

P.S. May 17th.

Nothing more will be necessary than that your letters to those Societies come unsealed to the Mission

Rooms. We are almost afraid now, to make a communication to either of these Societies on the subject of foreign distribution, lest there should, unknown to us, be discrepancies between the statement in our communications & those of the several missions. This resolution when once it goes into effect, will enable us to cooperate boldly & efficiently with our brethren & these societies.

Mem° Sent him enclosed a copy of the Resolution marked thus ✝ page 187 =

Rev. David Abeel } Missionary Rooms Boston May 17 1833
Singapore } My Dear Brother

I write now, as I have done several times before, under the impression that my letter will find you on your return voyage. Your letter of Nov. 29th, which is the only one unanswered, awakens fears in my mind that you will adventure your life too far, & before you are aware of it will allow the climate & your labors to reduce you below the point of recovery. It is now highly important that you be in this country calling upon the denomination of which you are a member to come up more generally to the blessed work in which you are engaged.

But on this subject you are already informed. We expect four or five missionaries to leave Boston for Batavia next month – two or three of them destined for Siam. I speak in this manner because one of the five may take passage for Canton, or may be detained a while in this country by some special circumstances of embarrassment.

We pray God to spare your life that we may have the opportunity to confer with you viva voce on the plans we ought to lay for the publication of the Gospel in Eastern Asia.

The Bible Soc'y has appropriated $3000 for expenditure

the present year in circulating the Scriptures among the Chinese, & the Tract Society 1500 for the printing of religious tracts. This is to be regarded only as the first moving of the waters. Great things I doubt not, are yet to be attempted in the way of supplying the Chinese with the word of God.

Hoping soon to welcome you among us I am, Dear Brother, in great haste but very truly yours.

R Anderson

My Dear Brother — Miss. Rooms Boston May 20 1833

A remark in a letter I have received from Mr. Allen, and a fear that Brother Wisner had not time to explain to you the reasons for the resolution of our committee respecting the correspondence of your Society with our Missionaries, induce me to mention a few of those reasons.

The resolution grew out of our experience, and had become necessary.

1. The Missionaries had been repeatedly informed that it was desirable their letters to the Bible & Tract Societies should come, unsealed, to the Rooms. It was found that no other course than the one now adopted, would secure this result. We have not known whether they had written you, or not, nor what they had written; and were startled to find, when the late grants of the American Bible Society were communicated to us, that a letter from our brethren in Ceylon was laid before the managers at the same time with our communication. How many discrepancies there were between our statements & theirs, I have no means of knowing. Had that letter passed through our hands, on its

way to N. York, the Secretaries of the Bible Society, would have received it almost as soon, and we should have added to our stock of knowledge, and have made our statements correspond with theirs. With such liabilities, we should not dare to venture upon any extended statements of the kind again.

2. If we know the nature of the communications made to our Missions, by the Bible & Tract Societies, we can increase the effect of those letters very much; by writing in a similar strain; by sending out new presses, types, paper, &c; by instructing the Missionaries how to employ their printing establishments, or how much time they had better devote to translations, &c &c. In this way we could often, with the divine blessing, secure for you more cheering answers, than you would otherwise receive from our brethren. They cannot know as well as we do, to what extent their Mission is liable to be strengthened by new men, and the various apparatus of influence. If we know the questions you propose, we can often furnish the Missionaries with data, which will very materially affect their reply; and I am sure we are in no degree inclined to retard this work.

3. Mr. Allen says he was asked in N. York, whether the committee would not be in danger of getting between the Bible & Tract Societies, and the foreign distribution. He did not say who asked this question, but I can easily see that this fear might arise in the minds of those, who have not considered the situation of Missionaries.

Our brethren on the other side of the great waters, are too distant to be fully aware of the progress of benevolent feeling in this country. At least I know, that they are actually, and necessarily, some two or three years behind it, in their apprehensions. The consequence

has been, that their letters sometimes were very unsuited to the state of feeling, or to the necessities, of the managers of either society. Several letters of this kind, have been retained at the Rooms. Some of them were written under a total misapprehension of the state of the case, and would have been injurious; and the missionaries have afterwards rejoiced, that they were not delivered.

The grand design of the resolution was, to prevent the Missionaries from getting between the Bible & Tract Societies and the foreign distribution. It was believed, also, that it would contribute materially, on the whole, to the good results of the correspondence.

Rejoicing in the disposition which is so rapidly increasing to supply the world with Bibles and Religious Tracts, I am, Dear Brother, very affectionately Yrs. R. Anderson Sec. pro tem

Rev. I. C. Brigham Sec'y of
the Am. Bible Soc.

P.S. As the correspondence with our Missionaries beyond sea comes, I presume, into Dr. Milnor's department, I should have addressed him on the subject; but I am very much pressed just now with various writing, and so take the liberty of sending you, a familiar acquaintance and friend, a copy of a letter I have sent to Brother Hallock

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A Copy of the above Letter was sent to Rev. William A Hallock Sec'y of the Am. Tract Soc. New York

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Mr Thomas P. Johnson, Missionary Rooms Boston
Raleigh, N. C. May 20 1833

My Dear Sir,

In reading your letter I read that you were to be in Raleigh by the 30th Inst. but on looking again I see it is the 20th. I regret that you will not find my letter at the time you expect it, but it is now too late to repair the damage in any other way than by writing immediately. I hope before you embark you will have an opportunity to see in what manner the executive officers of the Board are driven by their multifarious business: you will then be better able to make allowances for short & sometimes tardy letters

We shall not of course expect you to embark till November. Whether a good opportunity will occur in that month is more than we can now know. You will probably embark from Boston, and in the fall we can speak more definitely with respect to the probable time of your sailing. The strong probability is, that you will be subjected to no delay. If friends are disposed to assist in the outfit of yourself & wife, it had better be in the way of Clothing & bedding chiefly, but not entirely, for warm weather. What necessary articles are not provided by friends, of course will be furnished by the Board. The Board will see also that you are supplied with necessary books.

In determining your most economical & best manner of coming to Boston, you will do well to ask the advice of sound experienced friends.

To obtain your passport, you should obtain a certificate of your citizenship from a Notary Public, in which he will mention your Stature, Complexion, &c. This you will enclose to the Hon Edward Livingston Secretary of State, with a respectful request that he will send you a passport to such a place, & as soon

as may be convenient, it had better be sent to our care, Missionary Rooms, Boston. Give him your address of "Rev. Thomas P. (give this in full) Johnson," and tell him you are going as a Missionary of the A.B.C.F.M. to the Mediterranean. Your passport will be promptly sent, and will cost nothing.

Mr Benj. Schneider, of the Senior class in Andover, a very amiable, excellent, & worthy man, expects to go to the Mediterranean next fall, & maybe in the same vessel, & possibly to the same field. Mr. Perkins now tutor at Amherst, goes to Constantinople, with a view to the Nestorian Mission. These are all who have received appointments for the Mediterranean.

In great haste, but very affec^y Yours

R. Anderson Sec^y of the A.B.C.F.M.

P.S. The Certificate on the following page will answer your purpose while in Ohio: but you ought to request particular advice from Mr Ballard, General Agent, residing at Cincinnati with regard to your labors in that State. The Certificate is a mere letter of introduction.

Doct^r. Jas. B Bradley
New York City

Missionary Rooms Boston May 20 1833

My Dear Sir

I will now attempt a brief reply to inquiries in your favor of the 11th inst.

I am at a loss what to say as to the time of your embarkation, because I know not how profitably your is employed in the way of preparation for future usefulness. The question turns wholly upon that. The wish of the Com^ee is, that you should ultimately become qualified & duly authorized to preach the Gospel. They desire also that you should be well fitted & furnished as a physician.

In my letter to you of Jan, 24th was an inquiry which was designed to obtain from you the information necessary to enable the Com^ee to decide how long you

had better remain in this country. Perhaps you have made arrangements to secure the aid of some divine in New York city.

Upon receiving this letter I will thank you to write me immediately, & say what are your advantages for making progress in the knowledge of your profession, & what your plans & advantages for acquiring a knowledge of theology, & what are your wishes in view of the whole, as to the time of proceeding to your field. If you are to go out this summer, it will be important that you go with the brethren who are expecting to embark for Batavia about the last of June, or perhaps as soon as the 25th of that month. If Mr. Eddy is in the city, consult with him, & if Dr Winer, then I would have you show him this letter, & consult with him; but by all means write me, & write with freedom & particularity.

You have been misinformed in respect to the degree in which physicians sent out by the Board have been furnished with books & apparatus; at least of late years. We aim to be economical, and to furnish no unnecessary book or instrument; nor do we take the custom of physicians at home for our standard: but, so far as we can learn what is necessary & really desirable, we furnish it.

The greater part of the medical books & instruments you take with you if purchased by the Board, will be considered as belonging to the mission; but for your particular use as a member of the mission.

Six hundred & sixty six dollars will be allowed you & your wife for outfit; – including your private library, clothing for the voyage & for some time after arriving, & for the furniture, &c. &c necessary for house keeping. You will need to purchase very few things, except your library & clothes, for the voyage, before reaching Batavia. I think of only one way in which we can help you pay your debts

equitably to our ages. If your friends, or the friends of your wife help you to a part of your outfit, a reasonable valuation of those articles can be advanced you on the score of outfit, & can be applied towards paying the debt.

Should it be found best for you to go in June, & should you be able to be here in season, we can fit you out in a very few days.

Praying the Lord to guide & bless you, I am my dear sir, very truly yours.

R Anderson

P.S. You perceive that it will be very desirable that you write me with as little delay as possible. You will of course take not decisive steps towards going till you hear from me again, except by the decided advice of Dr Winer.

I wish you would get a copy of our last Annual Report from Mr. Tracy, & carefully read the By-laws of the Board in the appendix, & see whether you can cheerfully come under their operation.

Rev. Eli Smith } Missionary Rooms Boston May 20 1833
New York City }

My Dear Brother

I will give you all the information on the points you propose concerning the schools in Syria which the brethren have thought it worth while to give us.

1. Number in the schools? No where mentioned. The number was increasing under Jannaos, in September 1831 & the school was on a respectable footing in Jan'y. of 1832 under the same teacher.

2. It is nowhere said that there are any girls in the school.

3. There was a school at Sidon, under Wortabet's special care. Probably now discontinued. Another school was attempted near Tripoli, but came to nothing in consequence of opposition.

4. Tannous remained in the school at the latest date. The proposal which was made for his going to Alexandria in the fall of 1831, did not take effect.

5. Cost of schools in Syria? I copy on the third page Mr. Bird's account of the expenses of the schools for the latter half of the year 1826. I know not the actual cost of Tannous' school.

I think well of your spending so much of June in Boston as shall be necessary to give you some knowledge of the lithographic art; & hope you will acquire that knowledge here, rather than in New York, that we may see as much of you as possible.

Very affectionately Yours
R Anderson

P.S.

Tripoli (port)	about 130* scholars	—	$54.28
Beyroot	60		30.72
M'hattey	75	(15 girls)	34.57
Shoueir	55	(15 girls)	22.99
El Mumrif,	37	(6 girls)	20.28
Meemey, 5 months,	50	(6 girls)	15.22
Ot Green do	40	(6 girls)	13.69
Shouifat — —	30	—	13.22
Cfr-Akal, 4 months	35		10.85
Jdady, 2 months	65	(15 girls) —	9.95
Hasbeia, 2 months,	75	(5 girls)	7.—
Tripoli (city) 1½ do	70		5.54
Zahly 1½ do	40	(10 girls)	4.80
El Malaka 1 do	14	(2 girls)	2.55

* nearly half girls, for which a double price was then given.

Taking the school at Beyroot, as it was in 1826, as the standard, the annual cost of a school would be about $60.—

Mr J. Leighton Wilson } Miss. Rooms Boston
N. York } May 21 1833

My Dear Sir

I wrote you a few days since, but as you may expect that I should send to the care of Mr Gracy, and may not inquire at the P.O., I will send these few lines als.

I hope you will by all means visit me, as it is of great importance, considering the relation I am to sustain to you, that we converse very fully in relation to the African Mission. I think also that you had better come with the expectation of spending the Summer in this neighborhood.

In my last I mentioned, that the rainy season might be an objection to your going in the Fall. I know not how I could have written under such a misapprehension as to the time when the rainy season commences, as I have myself twice been within the tropics, and know that season was in the Summer. In W. Africa it commences about the first of June, so that the fall is your best time, so far as that is concerned; & for aught I can now see, on every account.

Dr Wisner told me he had invited you to stay at his house I shall wish you to go out into the Country with me occasionally, as I am exceedingly occupied, & interrupted with Calls, at the Rooms, You will be a very welcomed visitor.

Most truly Yours
R Anderson Secy. of the ABCFM

Rev. Wm. A. Hallock,
Sec.y of Am. Tr. Society } ~~Cop~~ Extract from Rev. D. O. Allen's letter Dated May 1833.

"In view of these inconveniences I beg to suggest the following alteration in that Rule

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(Rule as it now is)

"Original tracts in foreign languages faithful translations of which into English shall have been approved by the Publishing Committee"

(Alteration suggested)

Original tracts in foreign languages according with the principles of this Society as expressed in Art. 1st. of its Constitution; a faithful translation of each of which into English together with the original shall be sent to the Publishing Committee for their approbation as soon as it is printed.

This Rule with the alteration suggested will make the religious principles of this Society, the principles of which all tracts must contain in order to their being printed at the expense of the Society. It will allow the Missionaries at any station to which appropriations may be made to put their tracts into immediate circulation & thus the tracts prepared as well as the money appropriated will be immediately used. Ordinarily, only one edition of any tract will be printed before the Committee will have time to communicate their opinion of its principles, suitableness &c to the Mission. And should any tract not obtain the approbation of the Committee, no more of this tract will be printed at the expense of the Tract Society. And if the Committee should so direct, the expense incurred for the edition already printed can be put to the account of the Society with which the Missionaries at that ~~time~~ station are connected. No Missionary Society will complain of this as the Missionaries at all stations I believe have permission to print at the expense of their Society any tracts which in their united opinion they may think expedient. If tracts should be essentially altered, translations containing such alterations to be immediately sent to the Committee. In this manner though the tracts printed with the appropriations of the Society, are

put into circulation previous to the Committee's approving such tracts, yet it will be done in such a way (or more properly on such conditions) as will effectually secure the Society against any misapplication of their funds.

The Religious Tract Society of London, (with which as their agents for the sale of their Publications in Bombay & the Secretary of their Auxiliary in that place I had for several years an intimate correspondence) make grants to Mission stations of all Evangelical denominations on the sole condition that the tracts printed with such aid be in the united opinion of the Missionaries in accordance with the principles of that Society as expressed in its Constitution. The Society always expects that such grants will be acknowledged & some account communicated respecting the distribution &c of ~~such~~ tracts at such stations. Of their Auxiliaries the same Society requires translations into English & copies of the tracts printed together with the Annual Report to be sent them. The number of Auxiliaries & Mission stations (the latter of which consist of all denominations of evangelical christians) which are yearly assisted in the manner above mentioned is quite large but I have never heard of any complaint or suspicion that the assistance thus afforded by the London Tract Society had not been expended as they prescribed.

In conclusion I would beg to present in behalf of the Mission with which I am connected an grateful acknowledgment to the Committee of the Tract Society for the very generous appropriations they have made to us: For several years after the Mission in Bombay was established the tracts printed by the Mission were done at the expense of the American Board. Aid was then solicited on the part of the Mission from the London Religious Tract Society who assisted us very liberally with an Annual

appropriation for five or six years. From our connexion with this Society originated their Auxiliary in Bombay which was formed six years ago. With this last mentioned Society we have been on the most friendly terms & from it we have obtained most important assistance. But this Society, though it has been more efficient than its most sanguine friends anticipated at its formation, is yet quite unable to furnish tracts in sufficient quantity to meet the demand which the increasing facilities for distribution produce.

Rev James Read Eckard
Savannah Geo.

Missionary Rooms Boston May 22 1833

My Dear Brother

We have today made an engagement with a merchant for the passage of yourself & brethren in a ship which engages to land you in Ceylon, if possible; if not in Ceylon at Madras. The vessel, however, must sail on Saturday the 29th of June, or Monday the 1st day of July. The opportunity of sending so direct is too good to be lost, & we beg you & your to do your utmost to be here by the 25th of June. The merchant is under engagement, to others who are to furnish freight for his ship, to be away at the time specified, & cannot promise to wait for our passengers, but he says he must go with such as are ready.

These are the facts; and it happens to you as it very often happens to missionaries, that they have a shorter time than they could desire at the last.

I earnestly advise you to be here, Providence permitting, on the 25th of June. You will then have a little time to collect your baggage, and see where it is put on board. If your baggage coming by water round Cape Cod, it cannot be too soon on the way. Be sure and get your Passport from the Secretary of State, if you have not gotten

it already. Have, also, an inventory of your clothing, books, &c. &c. already prepared when you come to Boston, that we may suggest at once what may have been overlooked.

Please write me immediately on the receipt of this, and inform me whether you can be here at the time specified; in short in what day we may expect you. Tell me also, so far as you may be able, what part of your outfit you will find it necessary to procure after your arrival.

In great haste, but desiring to be very respectfully remembered to Mrs Bayard, I am very truly Your friend & Brother in the Gospel

R Anderson

Rev. William Todd,
Penn Yan, Yates, Co. NY.

Mission Room Boston May 23 1833

My Dear Brother

Your offer of service for the heathen, and your testimonials, have been laid before the Board, and you and your wife have been appointed to the Ceylon mission, with a view to your going out with the company which has been collected to reinforce that mission. Your appointment was made day before yesterday. Yesterday we engaged a passage for the company in a ship which comes under obligations to land the reinforcement on Ceylon; or if that is impossible, at Madras. The merchant, however, has come under such engagements to those who provide his freight, that he can delay his ship only till Saturday 29th of June, or Monday July 1st. Of course it will be necessary for you to be in Boston by the 25th (twenty fifth) so as to get every thing in readiness. Can you do this? If you can do it by a great effort, it will be worth it, and worth some extra expense. It is a great thing, in respect to time, expense, and exposure, to be landed in Jaffna, or not far distant; & on account of the prevailing winds in those seas, the sooner you are away, the better.

You will be allowed 666 dollars for outfit; i.e. to purchase your library, clothing for yourself & wife during the voyage, & the furniture necessary for housekeeping after your arrival. Much of your furniture must be procured in Ceylon; that which you obtain in this country had better be procured in Boston. We shall have a bureau, some tables &c. made for you. Perhaps, also, we shall have your hardware purchased and packed; i.e. in case we hear you are coming & will be able to go in the ship. Bring all your old clothes with you for the sea. No washing can be done at sea. Mrs. Winslow has sent home the following inventory of the clothing desirable: viz Memo/ Here follows the List of Clothing.

This was manifestly designed to be a good supply. I send you the list thinking it may be some guide to you in respect to any efforts friends may be induced to make. In case a considerable part of your outfit must be procured in Boston, you ought to come sooner than the 25th — as early as the 21 or 22. We can, however, on an emergency, fit you out in two or three days. Be sure to bring with you an inventory of your books, clothing, &c. that we may see at once what you have, & so what you need. Mrs. Todd ought also to know what she has.

As soon as possible after receiving this you ought to go to a Notary Public, and get a certificate from him of your citizenship, with a memorandum of your stature, complexion &c. &c. This, enclose to the Hon. Edward Livingston, Secretary of State at Washington, with a respectful request that he will make out a passport for you, the "Rev William Todd," going to the East Indies; and send it to you at the Missionary Rooms, Cornhill, Boston, so that you may receive it by the 25 of June. It will come free. On no account fail of this.

You are authorized to draw on our agent, Mr. Geo. W. Tracy, of New York city (148 Nassau Street) for what money you need for outfit & travelling expenses. You had better come by way of New York, and bring your baggage all the way with you, unless Mr. Tracy feels confident it will reach Boston by water all the way, on the 25th or before. Bear in mind that the cost of transportation is to be added to the articles you purchase at a distance. Better keep the more valuable & compact articles with you.

There are many things I should be glad to say: many things relating to your new relation. I have time only to welcome you & Mrs. Todd into our great, & in general happy fraternity, & to express my earnest desire & prayer that you may both be endued greatly useful in the field to which you appear to be destined.

I am dear Brother very truly yours

R Anderson

P.S. Please write me as soon as possible after receiving this.

Mr. J M H Adams
Crowders Creek P.O.
York District S C

Missionary Rooms Boston May 23 1833

My Dear Sir

As you stated that you had requested the Professors of your Seminary to forward testimonials, our Comte thought it best to wait for them a reasonable time; otherwise they would have acted on your case at their last meeting, & have appointed you to the W African mission, to go in company with Mr. Wilson; and to go, as we now think, next Autumn. As soon as those testimonials come, or within a fortnight if they do not come, the Comte will act upon the case, Providence permitting and we will lose no time in giving you the necessary information. Indeed you may, I think

expect to learn about the plan of the mission from Mr. Wilson, whom we are daily expecting in Boston.

The decision you have come to affords me very great satisfaction, & I trust that both you, and your respected parents, and the churches of our Lord Jesus will see much cause to rejoice in it. As we have two or three companies of missionaries to fit away within a month, or a little more, to Ceylon, to Batavia, & to China — & they must have immediate information, the contracts for their passage having been just made, I can now write no more; — except to desire my christian & most respectful salutations to your honored parents, and to express my earnest desire & prayer, that you may be graciously owned by our Lord in the work to which you have devoted your life.

Very affectionately Yours

R Anderson

Hon. Edward Livingston, Sec'y of State — } Missionary Rooms, Boston May 23 1833

Sir

The Rev. Justin Perkins is expecting soon to embark for Persia as a missionary of our Board of Foreign missions, & has requested me to enclose to you a certificate of his citizenship, that he may be favored with a Passport. Such a document will greatly oblige him, & your respectful humble servant

R Anderson.

Wrote to Rev. George H Atthorp at Harrisonburg Virginia
" — " do — do — do — at Gerrits Bridge, Virginia
" " Rev Henry A Boisenton at Pittsfield Mass.
" " Rev Sam'l Hutchings at New York City
similar to the letter at 223 page to Rev James Reed Eckard.

Dr. N Ward } Missionary Rooms Boston May 24 1833
Durham N.H. }

My Dear Sir

When I left you yesterday morning, I supposed that Mr. Anderson would write you immediately, communicating your appointment, and giving you such information as you might need in your circumstances; and I regret very much that his other labors and engagements prevent his doing this, as he would be able, owing to his familiar acquaintance with the mission to which you have been appointed, to place the subject before you in a much more satisfactory manner than I can.

The following Resolution has been adopted by our Com.
"Resolved, that Doctr Nathan Ward and his wife, of Durham N.H. be appointed assistant missionaries of the Board, with a view to their being connected with the Ceylon mission."
By looking at our Report (p 146), a copy of which I send you by this mail, you will see what classes of labourers are included under the denomination of missionaries and assistant missionaries. We wish to have you read all the By-laws of the Board, as contained in the Report. You will also find there a pretty full statement respecting the Ceylon mission.

By a note which Mr. Tobey rec.d from Mr Anderson yesterday, you have probably learned that the reinforcement is expected to embark somewhat earlier than we had before expected, and earlier than the time mentioned by me. The contract is now made for the last of June, probably the 29th or 30th. It is earlier than we desired; but as the opportunity is so very favorable, we have thought it ought to be embraced; and we hope that you will find the time sufficient for settling your affairs, visiting your friends, and making the necessary preparations for the voyage.

In order to this, I would suggest the expediency of your ascertaining as soon as practicable, the amount of your debts, and how far your property will go towards

liquidating them; and how much of your outfit can be furnished by your relatives and friends. I will give a list of articles in this letter. We can then decide whether arrangements can be made by means of the money allowed by the Board for the outfit of missionaries will enable you to free yourself from pecuniary embarrassment.

The articles of cabinet furniture, chairs, hard and earthenware, medicine, instruments, books, &c. had better be purchased here, unless you can obtain them in the way of donation. The purchases can be made in a few days.

In getting articles of clothing you will bear it in mind, that Ceylon is in a warm climate, and that most of your voyage will be so. Articles of clothing &c should be not very fine or very coarse; but strong and durable.

Should you decide on joining the proposed reinforcement, as we hope you will, if the Lord has called you to this service, we think that it may be expedient for you to settle your pecuniary affairs, visit friends, and make what provision in the way of outfit you can among them, before you come to Boston. If you could do this, and arrive here by the 20th or 23d of June, it would be in season. Should you wish to confer with us specially on any subject previously, you had better come here. We will defray your expenses.

The following is the list of articles referred to in the former part of this letter. Of course other things if you have them may be of use, and some others may be substituted for those here mentioned.

(Mem.° here follows the list)

I will thank you to reply to this, as soon as you may be able, making any inquiries or suggestions that may occur to you. And may the Lord guide your mind and that of Mrs W. in all your meditations on this subject, & direct you both in that course in which he will bestow upon you the

the greatest measure of spiritual enjoyment, and make your labors the most extensively useful to your fellow men.

With affectionate & christian regards to yourself & Mrs. W. I remain yours truly

D Greene

Rev. D O Allen } Missionary Rooms Boston May 24 1833
Westminster Mass } My Dear Brother

I am glad that we may expect to see you in town next week, and that we may rely on your for the missionary meeting on Thursday. There is no objection whatever to your saying the same things you did at New York. It will be expected that you shall in the same speech substantially; because you would naturally give your most interesting facts in both places. You need feel no reluctance to repeat these facts in different places, even should you see some persons present who had heard them before.

I hope you will make the communication to the Comte, which you refer to in your note; and also write your views as to the state of the Bombay mission.

I am informed that a vessel will very probably go from Salem to Bombay before many weeks; though not the Black Warrior; but we have not yet any definite information on the subject.

The prospect now is that the brethren for Ceylon, Batavia, Canton, & Patagonia, will also sail in the month of June! Indeed the passages of nearly all are engaged for that month. It is unspeakably consoling to know that we are promised strength according to our day.

Very affectionately yours

R Anderson.

Rev James Bradford Missionary Room Boston May 24 1833
Sheffield Mass.

My Dear Sir

I write you confidentially, to inquire about Mr. Norman Kellog, one of your pastoral charge, who has been mentioned to us by Mr. Lyons as being probably a very suitable man to traverse with him the western coast of Patagonia. Mr. Lyons has doubtless described to you the object and plan of the mission, and its nature as far as he is himself acquainted with it. It must almost necessarily involve great personal hardship & self denial; though, I should think, very little danger from the natives. The two explorers must go in the real spirit of Christian travellers — with the spirit of the Gaudes sanctified by the gospel. They will be landed on the coast; find their way north or south as they can; live as they can; acquaint themselves with numbers and character of the Indians as they can; be absent probably 2 years; scarcely hear from home during the greater part of that time; determine on the expediency of establishing a mission on the coast; select a site if necessary; make the necessary preparations, so far as they can; & then, one or both of them return home, & make report &c. &c. Can Mrs. Kellog part with her husband for so long a time and on these terms? Is he a suitable man for the enterprise? What are your views of his character & qualifications? Can he prepare himself at once, & be ready for departure if necessary by the 25th of June?

You will judge, my Dear Sir, how far you had better converse with Mr. & Mrs. Kellog on this subject. Before speaking to them I will thank you to show Rev Dr Lee this letter, and confer with him particularly on the subject.

We expected till this morning to have had till August, but the merchant who engages to take the missionaries out free of expense, has written that his

vessel has arrived, and will go again in 30 or 40 days from this time.

I will thank both yourself and Esq. Lee to write me very freely in relation to Mr. Kellogg; & you will readily perceive how desirable it is that the Comte have the assistance of your opinions as soon as may be practicable.

I write in great haste, but am, Rev. & Dear Sir, very respectfully & truly yours

R Anderson

Rev Ira Tracy } Missionary Rooms Boston May 24 1833
Hartford Vt. } My Dear Brother

The following preamble & resolution are extracted from the minutes of the last meeting of the Comte: viz.

"The Rev. Ira Tracy having stated in writing to the Comte, under date of May 20 1833 that he had decided in favor of embarking for China soon, & immediately expecting his intended wife to follow him when her health should warrant her so doing; & Mr. Tracy having stated the reasons which led him to this conclusion, and having inquired whether the Comte see cause to object to such an arrangement;

"Resolved, that the Comte see no cause to object to this arrangement; and that Mr. Tracy accordingly be instructed to hold himself in readiness to embark for Canton in the Ship Morrison, which is expected to sail from the port of New York."

We have made a contract to day for the passage of the other brethren in the Ship Duncan, to sail on the 10th of June. A contract has also been made for the passage of the brethren going to Ceylon; to embark on the 29th of June. Mr. Ruggles has also written from New York that the brethren for Patagonia must be in readiness about the last week in June. Mr. Abel expect to sail in June. So there is a

probability that you may all go in the same month: 5 ministers & a physician & their wives, & perhaps a printer, for Ceylon; 4 ministers, & ~~their wives~~ a physician & their wives, for Batavia; a minister & a printer for Canton; & a minister & a layman for Western Patagonia! All of these, however, are not quite certain, & the number must not be mentioned publicly. There is inexpressible consolation in looking forward to this month to know, that strength is promised according to the day. If you know where Mr. Lyman is, I wish you would write him that he is expected to sail on the 10th of June. I know not precisely where a letter will find him.

I am surprised that I do not hear when the Morrison is to sail. I wrote some days since to Mr. Tracy, our agent, making the inquiry. I shall probably hear tomorrow. Your passport and that of Mr. Williams are in my hand.

I can write no more at ~~present~~ this time, except to assure you of my affectionate regard

R Anderson

Rev. Mr. Tucker } Missionary Room, Boston May 24 1833
Troy N.Y. } My Dear Sir

We are about sending an exploring expedition along the western coast of Patagonia, and owing to want of men and some other reasons, the Com^tee have concluded to associate a layman with a clergyman in the service. The latter has been engaged, & will, we think with the divine blessing be likely to encounter the singular hardships and privations of his station with patience and perseverance. Mr. A. has been into the western part of this state, & at Sheffield has met with a Mr Norman Kellogg, who is recommended to him and whom he regards, as probably a very suitable

man to become his companion. They would be gone a couple of years, and would be obliged to go without their wives.

We are referred to you for an opinion of Mr. Kellogg's character, & for his qualifications for the proposed service. You easily perceive what is requisite; be so good as to write me by return of mail, if you can; as they will find it necessary to be under way in 30 or 40 days.

Very respectfully & truly yours
R Anderson

P.S. We are desirous also of knowing your opinion of Mr. Kellogg

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Rev. Samuel Munson } Missionary Room Boston May 24 1833
Yarmouth Mass. } My Dear Brother

We have to day engaged your passage in the Ship Duncan, Capt Rundall, to sail for Batavia on the tenth (10th) of June. This is sooner than we expected, but the merchant is in haste to get his ship away, & we have engaged that all of you, Providence permitting, will be here in season to embark on Monday, the 10th of June. You can best tell how many days you ought to be here previous to that time. I hope that all will be ~~above~~ by the 6th of June.

The ship is an excellent one, and the Captain appears well. The merchant is nephew to our Mr. Reed. Mr. Carter, the supercargo, is hart owner.

In great haste but very truly your friend & brother
R Anderson

P.S. Please acknowledge this letter as soon as you receive it —
Affect. regards to Mrs. Munson.

Wrote to
Rev Charles Robinson } May 24 1833
Lee. Mass. } same as above letter to Rev Samuel Munson.

Wrote to Rev. Henry Lyman, Northampton, Mass.
" " Rev Stephen Johnson Jr, Griswold, Con
under date of May 24 1833 same as the letter to
Rev. Samuel Munson 234 page — of this date —

Boston May 25. 1833

Doct Isaac R Worcester
Leicester Ms.

My Dear Sir

Our Committee met on Tuesday I read to them your letter of the 13th & have waited til to day to see if I could not get time to write you at greater length than I shall now be able to do. Very unexpectedly we are now called upon to fit out four district companies of missionaries for distant voyages in the month of June.

The Committee were convinced by your letter that you could not properly be urged to accompany the present reinforcement to Ceylon. They have therefore made application to another physician Doct. N. Ward of Durham N H who has been highly recommended by Dr Mussey & others. & he will probably go.

Allow me to say, that you take very much the same view of your qualifications for a missionary that your brother Samuel Austin Worcester did some before he finally made up his mind to go. May your mind be guided as his was & may you become like him a burning & shining light, not only among the heathen but among the chn at home. We shall always be happy to hear from you, especially should you see your way clear to come out of our missionary fields

Very respectfully & truly

Miss Harriet P Engles, Philadelphia } Missionary Room, Boston May 24 1833

Dear Madam

Had your inquiries come

to hand a day sooner, we should no doubt have been able to give you some information concerning the Phila school in Bombay in season for your annual meeting. Mr. Allen, of the Bombay mission, left this city on the very day your letter arrived. Owing to his visit, and that of Mr. Graves, to this country, the reports of the mission to us this year are much more brief and general than common, & we have been spared to these burthen for particular oral information on a great variety of points. Mr. Allen and myself have been so occupied with other points hitherto, that I have made no special inquiry concerning the schools. Next week he is to be in town again, and I will ask him concerning the state of the schools so generously supported by your Society, and will communicate such information as I may be able to procure.

You will recollect, Dear madam, that our mission at Bombay has been much weakened by disease & death, so that it must necessarily be difficult for the members of it, not only to keep the different parts of its machinery in motion, but to report also minutely concerning the progress of the whole. I had supposed, however, that Mr. Ramsey wrote once a year to your Society. I recommend that you should address to him a letter of inquiry. I am Dear Madam

Very respectfully Yours

R Anderson

P.S. In reply to your inquiries I would say, that it is seldom that Reports of Auxiliaries are sent to us, except in a printed form. The names of the Secretary & Treasurer are commonly reported to us.

Capt Isaac Brayton, Nantucket Ms. } Missionary Rooms, Boston May 25 1833

My Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor rec'd on the 21st inst has been read to the Prudential Com^ee of our Board, and I hasten to reply to it; though

with brevity, as you are to be in Boston so soon.
We have often contemplated the probable necessity of having a vessel placed at the disposal of the Board, in order to supply the islands of the Pacific with the gospel; & some weeks since, I was instructed to report the facts on the subject to our Comte.

We also wrote to the missionaries at the islands asking their opinion.

Our Comte., however, are not prepared to take any decisive steps on the subject. Indeed it is probable that the best plan will be, to have a number of pious merchants associate together, and own the vessel, and place her at our disposal so far as shall be necessary; and such, by whaling, or by trade, to defray as far as possible the expense of the voyage. We might also pay a reasonable sum for the passage of our missionaries, and for the freight of the supplies sent to our different missions. I have no doubt, dear sir, that the best plan will finally be ascertained & adopted. I understand that one or two merchants in New York thought of some such a plan as this.

I beg of you not to lose sight of so important an object. If the time has not yet come it may be near. By keeping it in mind you may greatly help to bring the scheme into some practicable shape.

Our brethren write home very affectionately concerning you, & I shall be very happy to see & confer with you when you come to town.

I am on the point of taking the stage, & must close with assurances of great esteem & regard —

R Anderson

Rev Ira Tracy
Hartford Vt

Missionary Rooms Boston May 27 1833
My Dear Brother

Not till to day have I been able to ascertain when the Morrison is to sail. To day I have rec^d a letter from Mr Tracy, our agent at New York, saying that the Morrison is to sail between the 1st & the 10th of June, and that passengers must be ready by the first of June. Mr. Tracy's letter is in reply to one I wrote him. I am wonder & am grieved that I should be so long in receiving this intelligence. I have just written to Mr. Olyphant, the owner, or one of the owners, of the ship, stating the facts, and that I should write you today ~~stating the facts~~ authorizing you to proceed across the country ~~to New York~~ provided you can be there, & ready to embark by the 5th, the 8th, or even the 10th of June. My impression is that the ship will not sail before the 10th; but she may, soon after the first. We consider it as decided that you go to Canton at any rate, Providence permitting, provided you go out unmarried; & we are anxious, for reasons you already know, that you go in the Morrison. We leave it for you to decide whether you will take the responsibility to engage the passage. Situated as you have been, we do not like to urge you away. But you have all the authority we can give to hurry across the country to New York city, & with our Mr. Tracy's aid get thoroughly equipped for the voyage. He will furnish you with money, as much as you will need. I send your passport & that of Mr. Williams to Mr. Tracy our agent. I shall also write you at N York. Please let me know what you do.

I have time to add no more, except to assure you of my affectionate remembrance, best wishes, and prayers.

Most truly Yours R Anderson

D. W. C. Olyphant Esqr
New York City

Mission House Boston May 27 1833

My Dear Sir

It was not till to day that I was able to ascertain at what time the Morrison ~~packet~~ was expected to sail. Mr. Tracy, our agent, not having written me on the subject till he received a letter of inquiry. He now informs me, that the Morrison is to sail between the 1st & 10th of June, and that Mr. Williams must be ready by the first of June; & does not intimate whether Mr. Tracy or an ordained missionary, could be conveniently received on board ship.

From your letter, however, I infer that he can be. He is now with his friends at Hartford, Vt, ready I doubt not, to leave at a very short notice. I shall write him to day, authorizing him to proceed across the country to New York, provided he can be there & ready to embark by the 5th, the 8th, or even the 10th. We think it very desirable that he should accompany Mr. Williams, and not less desirable that he should relieve Mr. Bridgman, in part, from his English Editorial labors (which he is competent to do) so as to enable Mr. B. to direct his attention more to the printing of the Scriptures & Tracts in Chinese.

I requested Mr. Williams to ascertain while in New York when he must return to the city. If he was unable to do this, I cannot doubt that Mr. Tracy has written him. I think so from the fact that he knew I should not learn the time of sailing till to day. I shall, however, write Mr. Williams immediately.

The passage of the other Missionary to S. L. Asia has been engaged in a vessel to sail from this port for Batavia, about the 10th of June.

I am dear sir very affectionately & truly yours

R. Anderson

Mr. Saml. Wells Williams } Missionary Rooms Boston May 27 1833
Utica N. Y.

My Dear Sir

Not till today have I been able to hear when the Morrison was expected to sail. I wonder that I did not hear sooner, but we see no reason to blame any one. I trust that Mr Tracy has written you, & that you will be on the way before this reaches you, or is even mailed. I do not believe the ship will go much before the 10th, if she does any; but you cannot be in N York too soon.

I hope the Rev. Mr. Tracy will be in the city in time to take the Morrison; you will find him an amiable & excellent companion, & very intelligent withal.

It has strangely happened that the sailing of four companies of missionaries is crowded into the month of June. This with the dispersion of our common business, gives us too little time for each.

I shall endeavor to write you at New York; but hope that Dr. Wisner will remain in the city till the Morrison sails, as then I shall find it unnecessary to write as much as I otherwise should.

I have sent your Passport to Mr. Tracy at New York. also a letter from your father.

The Lord bless you my dear sir, & render you eminently holy & useful. With respectful remembrance to your father, I am very truly yours

R Anderson

May 27 1833 Wrote to Mr Lyman at Troy same as to Mr Munson Page 234

Henry White Esq } Missionary Room, Boston May 27 1833
New Haven Con. }

My Dear Sir

We wish to send a missionary printer to Ceylon, with a reinforcement which is

expected to embark about the end of June — A Mr. Minier of New Haven, who is said to have been employed some in Dea. Whiting's office, and is now the Superintendent of the African Sabbath school, has been named to us as a suitable person. Will you allow me to put you to the trouble of ascertaining his character from those who know him well, and will give a judicious opinion. Perhaps you may know him yourself. We want a man of piety — decided — warm — & discreet — of good common sense & judgment, of a good temper, of good business habits, of industry, perseverance, and contentment, and one well skilled in all the branches of labor expected in a printing office. He should be able, too, to take the charge of an office and direct the labors of others judiciously & efficiently. If he should be acquainted with the book binding business & know how to cast type & make stereotype plates, so much the better, though these last two branches are not indispensable.

As the time is so short before the embarkation if he is to go, he must be ready very soon. Should you think on inquiry — i e. should you be satisfied that he is a suitable man, I will thank you to mention the subject to him, that he may think of it, and ask him if he could be ready by the time mentioned.

He should be in Boston as soon as the 25th of June, in order to be ready to embark by the 29th or 30th. —

I hope you will be able to reply to this within 2 or 3 days after it shall come to hand — the earlier the better.

In haste but very truly yours

David Greene

Mr. Geo. W. Tracy } Missionary Room, Boston May 28 1833
New York City } My Dear Sir

Mr. Williams has written me that you had rec'd a letter from Mr. Bridgman requesting a few things for the printing establishment, & saying that nothing more would be needed.

I write to request you to disregard Mr. Bridgman's opinion in this instance, and cause such of the articles as were on the list I gave Mr. Williams to be procured unless Mr W. after learning what is at Canton, shall be positive that they are unnecessary. I write in this manner at my own instance: Mr. Williams has expressed no wish on the subject. We are putting our printing establishment into a state for vigorous action.

I trust Mr. Williams rec'd information of the sailing of the Morrison direct from New York, otherwise he will not hear of the time till the latter part of this week. I fear also that Mr. Tracy, the missionary for China, may not hear of the time appointed, in season to reach New York before the 4th or 5th of June. Should he come to New York without visiting Boston, we must depend on you, for aught that I can see, to fit him out for the voyage. You are authorized to provide him with the necessary funds. He is a most worthy man and deserves a good outfit. I hope Dr. Wisner will be in the city at the time of his arrival; in which case he will relieve you of the greater part of the care.

I have sent Mr. Tracy's & Mr. Williams' Passports to you

Please inform me of the precise time when the Morrison is to sail, as soon as you learn it; & believe me

Very truly Yours
R Anderson

Silas E Burrows Esq
New York City

Missionary Rooms Boston May 28. 1833

My Dear Sir

Your esteemed fav of April 27th, which I presume was mailed the same day did not reach me till the 24th inst.! Where it could have been all the while, I cannot conceive. So regular are the mails between here & New York, that I did not particularly attend to the date, & till this very time took it for granted that it was dated on the 20th. I have waited to see Mr. Armour of our Patagonian missionaries, before writing you; but he has not yet come to town; & taking your letter to reply to it this morning, I am concerned to perceive the date, & that the 30 or 40 days you mention have almost expired.

You must have thought very strange of my silence; but while with me, you will duly regret the occasion of it, you will be satisfied with my explanation.

Perhaps the letter was misplaced in our Post Office in consequence of your giving me a title to which I am not entitled. A letter addressed "Rev. R Anderson", never fails to come into our box.

Have your vessels sailed? Will they sail soon? Shall you have another vessel going to the Western coast during the Summer? We shall do our best to get our men ready to meet your wishes; though as we made our arrangements for August, we are not as sure of doing it as we could desire. The probability is we could be ready in June.

I am, Dear Sir very respectfully
& truly Yours
R Anderson

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Rev. Isaac Fracy. Wrote to him May 29, 1833, informing him that Mr. Olyphant desired him to be ready to sail for Canton on the 5th of June.

Doct. N Ward } Missionary Room, Boston May 31 1833
Durham N H } My Dear Sir

Your letter to Mr. Greene of 28th inst containing a couple of inquiries which ought to be answered.

1. The settlement of your property had better be made in your own name entirely, & if you have notes in the hands of Mr. Freeman, you had better leave them as your own private property.

2. As it is reported you will be landed in Ceylon I think you had better take your saddle & bridle with you. If necessary for the payment of your debts, we will allow you a reasonable price for them.

We earnestly hope you will be able to make your arrangements so as to be in readiness to sail by the close of the month.

In very great haste, but with Xn. salutations to Mr. Ward, I am affectionately Yours

R Anderson

Rev. Eli Smith } Missionary Room, Boston May 31 1833
Northford Conn } My Dear Brother

Edwards of the Lithographic company, has just been in, & says they are expecting soon to sell out, and therefore desiring you would come to Boston as soon as you can. Edwards wishes you to come into their office, while he has some control over it. Shall we not see you next week?

Affec'y Yours,

R Anderson

P.S. Mrs. Huntington has been appointed an assistant missionary of the Board, & but one more step is need

to adopt her fully into our great, & very interesting, & in general very happy family; & that I trust will be taken in due time.

Missionary Rooms Boston June 1, 1833

Mr. & Mrs Whiting
Hartford Con.

Dear friends

For some weeks I have thought of writing ~~to~~ you to ascertain whether there was not something which the Board could probably do, & ought to do, for Sophia, the daughter of our excellant brother & sister in christ, Mr. & Mrs. Bingham at the Sandwich Islands. This I am now led to do by the fact that she is thrown in my way. We this week found her in Boston, on the way to Dedham, where Rev. Mr. Adams of Cambridge had kindly engaged to support her for six month. As we could not learn that her advantages for schooling would there be what it is desirable they should be, we determined, with Mr. Adams consent, to keep her with us (especially as we wished to see her) till I could correspond with you, whom her parents, as I understand, have made her guardians, & ascertain precisely what are her circumstances & prospects.

We cannot become her gaardians, nor act as such, according to the rules of the Board, nor is it desirable we should; but we feel a great interest in the child; & I think the Board might very properly make an appropriation of forty dollars a year for a few years to come. What should you think, in case Mr. Adams would pay a dollar a week for her for six months to come, of adding that to the 40 dollars from the Treasury of the Board, & having her go to some good school for a couple of quarters?

The families of Mr. Hill & myself are living in Dorchester, & we shall keep her with us a few days till we hear from you.

In order to secure the appropriation already mentioned, it will be necessary that our Committee have information with regard to her circumstances, & the wishes of her gaurdians.

Please write me, immediately & believe me, &c. yours truly, R. Anderson A.B.C.F.M.

Rev. E C Bridgman } Missionary Room, Boston June 1 1833
Canton, China } My Dear Brother

I wrote you a few days since by the bound to Canton. I have therefore very little to communicate, which you will not learn from the publications of the day.

I gave you reason to expect the Rev. Jon Tracy, as a missionary brother, & Mr. Saml. Wells Williams as a missionary printer; though perhaps I did not mention their names. They are to go in the Morrison, provided they reach New York in season.

Mr. Tracy has been accustomed to write for the press, & you will see, by the Instructions given him, what the Committee expect him to do for the first year or two. I regard it as an auspicious Providence for the Cause though an afflictive one to him, (in a manner he will explain) that he is enabled to spend this time at Canton. That, however, was the original choice of his mind; & it is not the result, but the manner in which he was brought to it, that has given him pain.

The Com^tee wish you now to direct your energies chiefly to the multiplication of Scriptures & Tracts in the Chinese language. Their wishes as to the speedy expenditure of all the appropriations made by the Bible & Tract Societies for the printing of Chinese books, are peremptory & decisive. Therefore, Dear Brother, be ready & doing. Mr. Tracy will be able to relieve you,

with Mr. Stevens' help of the Chinese Repository as far as shall be necessary —

The Tract Society has paid its grant of 1500 dollars & you may regard the Bible Society's appropriation as if it were paid. Other parts will be following in the train of these, & greater sums as soon as they can be shown to be necessary.

The Comm. with your letters to the Bible & Tract Societies to come unsettled to the Rooms that we may be able to cooperate with you in exerting an influence on these bodies.

Heretofore when you have wished for more type &c. you have sent your orders to Mr. Tracy of N York. They should always be sent directly, to the Rooms. By sending directly to the Rooms you will hear directly from my assistant, & will not only get the things you ask for, but often many other things besides. All orders for type, paper, &c. should be sent directly to Mr. Hill.

We send you furniture for a bindery, & I have requested Mr. Tracy of New York to put up additional articles for the printing establishment. —

Mr. Williams is much better educated in the science than is common, but has been in his favorable circumstances that we could desire for spiritual cultivation. I trust his brethren will aim to exert a holy influence upon him continually. In great haste, but desiring an affect. remembrance to Mr. Stevens, & any other brethren who may be with you, I am most truly yours —

R Anderson

Mr. George M Tracy
New York City,

Missionary Room, Boston June 1 1833

My Dear Sir

I have rec'd a letter from Dr Wisner to day, containing reasons in favor of my going to N York at the close of next week, & delivering

the Instructions of the Prudential Comte to Mr. Tracey & Mr. Williams at a public meeting held on Sabbath evening 9th inst. After consulting with my brethren here, I have decided to go, Providence permitting. Mr Tracey is now here & expects to be in N. York on Thursday or Friday of next week. My arrangements will be made to be in N. York Saturday morning. Please get me a retired place to stay in not very distant from the scene of action. Dr McAuley's church has been mentioned as the place for the public meeting.

Please inform Mr. Olyphant of this arrangement. I may perhaps ~~again~~ write again with regard to other exercises of the meeting. In great haste

but very truly yours R Anderson

P. S. I wrote the above under the impression that Dr Wisner would have left before this arrives. Please inform him of the result to which I have come, & say to him that we shall greatly need his assistance here during the next week, as the families for Batavia will be here. One is here already. They also sail on the 10th. —

Doct. N Ward } Missionary Room Boston June 1 1833
Dunbarton. N H } Dear Sir

At the request of Mr Anderson who is very much pressed with business, I reply to yours of the 31st Ult. though I must do it very briefly.

We think from the statement you have made respecting your debts & the property you have on hand, that some arrangements may be made in regard to the deficiency which will be satisfactory, & permit you to go with the reinforcement about the 30th of this month, to Ceylon. You had better, of course, obtain what you can in the way of outfit from your friends in Dunbarton & Dover, & in Vermont, & should it be necessary, our Comte will not hesitate to allow

you to the amount of $300. Perhaps some of your friends in N Hampshire or Vermont would make some subscription directly for liquidating your debts, if your property should not turn so well as you anticipate. Mr. Tobey might suggest it to some who would be able to make a little extra effort of this kind. If not, I think we can devise some way of doing it here, rather than you should not go by this so favorable opportunity:

Your travelling expenses, if necessary, will be defrayed by the Board. You can keep an acc.t of them & hand it to the Treasurer when you arrive here.

You had better make your calculations to be in Boston before the 25th inst.

We have a very favorable account of the printer in New Haven Con. with whom we were in correspondence when I wrote you last. & hope he will go though it is not certain.

I feel confident that the Lord is preparing yourself & Mrs. W. for the missionary work, & that he will sustain you in it. —

Yours truly D Greene

Mr Minor
New Haven Conn

Missionary Room Boston June 1 1833

Dear Sir

By communications which we have received from Rev. Mr. Bacon & H White Esqrs & some other gentlemen, we learn that your attention has been somewhat directed towards a mission to the heathen. From them we have received a very favorable account of your qualifications for usefulness in such a sphere of labor as a printer. Our Board are expecting to send a large reinforcement consisting of five ordained missionaries, & a physician, with their wives to Ceylon to embark at this port about the 10th of the present month. We wish to add a printer. His business would be to take

charge of a new press & office to be connected with our mission there, for printing the Scriptures & portions of the religious tracts, elementary School books, & other books, containing religious & other useful knowledge for circulation among the heathens there, as they might be required. — We shall send out a new press of the best model, a standing press, & furniture complete for an office. The business will of course not be extensive at first, but will we hope become larger & larger, — a fountain of religious knowledge, flowing abroad, to bless & save thousands of the benighted Tamulians on that island & the adjacent continent.

The printing will in part be done in English but principally in the Tamul language. The difficulties of the new language, so far as your department is concerned, will soon be overcome. You will in the first place go into the office alone with such help as you can find there, & as soon as you can, you will train up some of the young natives to the work, increasing the number as there may be a demand for it. —

None of the missionaries connected with our Board are acquainted with the printing business so far as I know; but the English mission has a press & printer, whom you would consult whenever you should meet with any difficulties. They would be near you. —

The English type will be sent from this country, & the Tamul will be obtained there. Paper, type, additional presses, & apparatus of any kind needed will be forwarded as they may be wanted.

We are the more anxious to have our press & printer introduced to the island at this time, on account of the circumstance that the rulers of the island are now very favorable & may not be so at a future period; — and also because the Am. Bible S.c, & Am. Tract Soc'y, are now ready to defray the

expense of printing Bibles & Tracts there to any extent.
Our missionaries, also, are raising up in their Seminary & schools pious & otherwise well qualified young men for catechists, book & tract distributors, &c. of whose labors they wish to avail themselves without delay. The missionaries have become thoroughly acquainted with the language, & are prepared to translate & write books, if they had any means of printing them. A press & printer have become indispensible, if the mission would exert the power of which it is capable. At this stage of it when so many of the natives have learned to read, it would be an engine of immense efficacy. We hope the Lord of Missions will direct your mind to a right decision on this subject, such as will be most for the advancement of his cause & your own usefulness & spiritual enjoyment.

Your outfit can be prepared in a few days after you shall arrive here, if you decide to go.— The Board will defray the expense if necessary.—

We have no doubt of your competency for the work, if you can enter into it with all your heart. Cannot you leave your business so that some other person can settle it for you?

There will be no objection to your taking a wife if a suitable character. Indeed one would be desirable.— The sale of our Committee would require testimonials for her from her acquaintance; but they need not delay. You should be in Boston by the 25th inst. Yours truly in the Gospel

D Greene

P.S. I write in behalf of Mr Anderson, who is too much occupied to write—

Mrs S R Echard } Missionary Rooms Boston June 4 1833
Philadelphia } Dear Madam

Yesterday I rec^d your favor of the 1st inst. I wrote to Mr. Echard at Savannah immediately after the time of his embarkation was decided upon, & hope, if he should fail of receiving my letter, it will be because he is on his way to Philadelphia. In that case he will be in Phil^a in season to make his preparations, & come to Boston by the 25th inst.

His Passport may be obtained by enclosing a notary public's certificate of his citizenship, a description of his person & to Mr Livingston, the Secretary of State, with a request that a passport may be enclosed as soon as may be convenient to the Rev. R. Anderson Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M. Missionary Rooms Cornhill, Boston. His name should be written out in full in the Certificate" Rev. James Read Echard."

It is yet uncertain which of two or three vessels will be taken for the voyage. The contract, however is made with a responsible merchant, & we are sure of a good vessel; & the contract is to leave the missionaries at a point in Ceylon near the mission if possible; but if that be not possible, then at Madras.

Mr Echard will have the allowance usually given by our Board to missionaries going to India, of 666 dollars for private library, clothing for the voyage & furniture. This may appear a small sum, but it has been found sufficient. The Board defrays also the expenses of the passage of its missionaries, & see that they have suitable accommodations on board ship. We pay, too, the travelling expenses of missionaries in coming to their place of embarkation; & frequently, the expenses incurred in visiting relatives preparatory to leaving the country.

I mention these facts in consequence of the

inquiries in the latter part of your letter.

We shall gratefully rejoice to welcome Mr. & Mrs. Eckard in the city in season to accompany the others. The vessel does not engage to wait beyond the 1st of July.

I am dear madam, though in great haste, very respectfully & truly yours

R Anderson

Miss. Rooms, Boston U. S. A. June 6. 1833.

Rev. & Dear Sir,

I take the liberty of introducing to your christian regards & attentions the Rev. Samuel Munson, Henry Lyman, Charles Robinson, & Stephan Johnson, missionaries of our American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. The two first named go ~~have~~ ~~come~~ into your part of the world to spend some time in tours of observation & inquiry; & the others are destined to Siam. We were deeply impressed by your kindness to Mr. Abeel, & we shall be greatly obliged by any advice & encouragement you may have it in your power to bestow on these beloved brethren, who will greatly need a judicious counseller on their arrival at Batavia. I send you some of our late publications, & am yours truly, &c.

R Anderson

Rev. Mr. Medhurst
Batavia,

Missionary Rooms, Boston, U.S.A. June 6. 1833

Dear brethren,

I take the liberty of introducing to your christian regards & attentions the Rev. Messrs. Charles Robinson, Stephan Johnson, Samuel Munson & Henry Lyman, or such of them as may visit Singapore. These brethren are missionaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. The two first named are destined for Siam: the others expect

to spend some time in tours of observation & inquiry in the Indian Archipelage.

We are deeply impressed by your kindness to one Mr. Abeel, whom we suppose now to be on his return to his native land. Our brethren will feel the need of judicious counsel at every step, & for that we take the liberty to refer them to you: not doubting but you will take pleasure in affording them all the assistance in your power.

We send you some of our latest publications; & wishing you the divine blessing on your labors &c. yours,

very truly R. Anderson

Rev. Mr. Thompson
Rev. Mr. Tomlin. Singapore.

Missionary Rooms, Boston June 6. 1833

Dear Madam,

I fear I did not do justice to Mr. Smith. Sophia was very properly treated in respect to her visit to Boston, as the Gentlemen who brought her had instructions to leave her at Mr. Hills house. I do not remember what I said: the form of my expression was probably owing to the fact that Mr. Hill & his family happened to be out of town.

We are desirous of having a visit of a few days longer from Sophia, who is certainly a very interesting girl. Our Committee have voted forty dollars towards her support this year. & Mr. Hill sends herewith a check on the Hartford Bank in favor of Mr. Whiting for that amount. We will see that she makes the proposed visit to Mr. Hunnewells.

I am called unexpectedly to New York, but expect to return on Wednesday next: & should be happy if she could remain among us till my return, that I may explain the matter to Mr. Adams before she goes to Hartford. He has taken a kind

interest in her welfare, & I am anxious that he should feel that we are grateful for it.

Desiring to be particularly remembered to Mrs. Whiting I am &c. Yours truly R Anderson

Mrs. Lucy Whiting
Hartford Con.

Mr Geo. M Tracy
New York City

Missionary Room Boston June 13 1833

My Dear Sir

We are in danger of failing to obtain a printer for the Ceylon mission. Mr. Alfred Nortta, a printer somewhere in your city, has been recommended by Mr. Wm. Williams of Utica. Mr. Williams says he knows him. As I suppose Mr. S Wells Williams may know where he labors, I will thank you to inquire of him where Mr Nortta is, seek him out, see how he abears, make inquiries respecting him; & if all abears well, see if he can be married, & in Boston (in case the Committee should appoint him to the Ceylon mission) by the 25 inst. The case is one requiring immediate attention as you perceive, & is urgent. You know what kind of a man we need. Be particular as to his character as a man & a Christian. In very great haste but with affect. regard, to your family & to Mr. Tracy & Mr. Williams, in case they have not sailed

most truly Yours R Anderson

P.S. I wish Miss Susan would have the goodness to write By order of the Prudential Committee over the signature in the Instructions to Mess Tracy & Williams. I forgot to insert it. —

Mr. Wm Ames,
Theol. Sem. Andover

Missionary Room Boston June 13 1833

My Dear Sir

I saw Mr. Burrows the

other day in New York, & went on board the Schooner Mary Jane, in which you are expected to embark about the last of July. Capt. Wm. Clift, who is to command her, is represented by Mr. Burrows as a pious man. He resides at Mystic Bridge, Conn.

Mr. Kelley & Mr. Hyde, it seems, both decline going. Our attention is now turned to Mr. Titus Coan, of the Senior class, in Auburn Seminary, whose testimonials point him out as a very suitable man for your companion. Do you know any objection to him? If not, I think our Committee will appoint him a missionary of the Board, & commission you to take Auburn on your way to your parents in Pennsylvania, & see if he is not such a man as you wish for, & whether he will not go. For my own part I am more & more inclined to aim at sending two clerical men, as on the whole more likely to succeed well.

Please write me by return of mail & believe me truly Yours

R Anderson

To the Rev Ira Tracy, & Mr. Samuel Wells Williams, appointed to labor in connection with the China Mission

Dear Brethren,

You have been appointed, by the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, to the China Mission, & as soon as circumstances shall permit, you will be expected to embark in the ship Morrison for Canton. The deep interest felt by the owners of that ship in your mission, the excellence of her accommodations, the vast & glorious object you have in view, & the gracious promise of the Lord Jesus to be with those who go abroad to publish the gospel, together impart an unusual charm to the prospect of your voyage. The satisfaction of this hour is also heightened by the thought, that four of your brethren, with their wives, going, as you are,

to Southeastern Asia, are doubtless receiving their Instructions at this very time in Boston, & are also expecting to embark on the morrow. May their lives & yours be spared till you are permitted to number many hundreds of fellow laborers in that great harvest field.

The Comte would gladly furnish you with written Instructions more full & explicit, for your future guidance, than present circumstances render possible. Much must be referred to the discretion of yourselves & your associates in the mission; & this, indeed, is almost always the case in respect to distant missions; especially in their commencement, when our knowledge of the field to be cultivated must necessarily be imperfect. When, however, the Instructions you receive from the Comte are explicit & positive, the Comte of course expect them to be followed, unless the most weighty reasons forbid & then the deviation should always be stated, in your correspondence, together with the reasons which led to it. The Instructions of the Prudential Comte are of the same binding authority upon the Missionaries for whom they are designed, as are the Rules & Regulations of the Board printed in the Appendix to the last Annual Report.

They are framed with a constant reference to this fact, & are never made peremptory, except where the Comte are confident that such Instructions are authorized & required by the nature of the case. They are designed, also, to be consistent with the letter & spirit of the Laws & Regulations of the Board. Those you have attentively examined, & as you make no objection to them, you are regarded as coming under their obligation. They authorize the Prudential Comte to instruct & direct the missionaries of the Board. The Comte make it a rule to acquaint the missionary, in all the more important cases in which it is practicable with the particular services expected of him, & to ascertain his views and wishes on the subject, before making a formal requisition of those services. To this rule

they will ever adhere: But it may be important to remark, that such a previous step is by no means essential to the obligation of their resolutions and instructions. In a word the enterprise in which you and we are engaged, is one requiring mutual confidence in an eminent degree. The Committee repose confidence in their Missionaries; giving them large discretionary power in cases where it appears to be desirable, & permitting their own deliberations and decisions to be swayed in great measure by the facts & opinions contained in the correspondence of their Missionaries. The Missionaries repose confidence in the Committee; — freely communicating to them their opinions & feelings, & the results of their observations, and cheerfully receiving & following such instructions as the Committee think are demanded by the interests of the great cause. Such is the intimate relation between the Committee and the Missionary, and such their mutual dependence: And this dependance & relation being mutually understood, and the duties arising from them being mutually performed, there will be an orderly and efficient System. In this, as in every other System of efforts that can be devised, our obligations to our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ are of course paramount to all others which it is possible to create. His will is Supreme Law.

In obedience to the will of our Lord, as expressed in the last injunction which proceeded from his mouth, you now go forth to the heathen of China. You have no mercantile, no political designs. Your only aim is to be instrumental in publishing the Gospel. Your grand object is the same, though your particular department of labor will be in great measure distinct. There is one duty, however, of great importance in this early stage of the Mission, which will be common

to you both. Wherever you are — whether stationary or itinerant — and however occupied — whether as preacher, translator, editor, or printer — close and accurate observation will be among your most important duties. The light of full & animated description must reveal to the churches the abominations and necessities of the people in those benighted regions. It is indeed made no part of your duty by these Instructions to travel for this purpose; but as God shall give you opportunity to observe, and ability to describe, consistently with more appropriate duties, you will make use of those opportunities for the information of the Committee and the benefit of the cause. — Before adverting particularly to the field of your mission, & describing your several & special responsibilities, it will be proper to call your attention to one or two general remarks, which you will not lose sight of in your correspondence with the Committee.

1. The aim of the Committee is to occupy, as speedily as possible, all the ground in that part of the world, which is accessible to the Gospel, and is not occupied by other missionary societies, or in some other way supplied with the means of salvation through Jesus Christ. We are to lay our plans, & select our stations, and send forth our missionaries & printing apparatus, with a view to such a result; and the Bible & Tract Societies, as the Committee verily believe, will make their grants with a view to the same result. We shall always rejoice, indeed, in immediate, tangible results, such as can be distinctly seen by the churches across the great waters; but these are not to be the ultimate object of our plans, nor will we sacrifice or jeopardize the whole for a part. Every year the Church of Christ is prosecuting this work more on principle: as a work the whole of which is required by the Lord Jesus, & must be performed

The Church is laboring more & more on system, and with a view to ultimate & magnificent results. She is actuated & sustained in her efforts more & more by faith, and therefore in her warfare less needs the exciting influence of skirmishes, & victories achieved by small, insulated companies of her soldiery. She contends for a victory which shall extend, & raise the shout of triumph, along the whole line of her army, and round the whole world. In view of this auspicious disposition of the Church, the Committee enjoin upon you the cultivation of enlarged views with regard to the object of your mission. Repose confidence in the Churches. They are willing now to send forth and support a far greater number of missionaries than can be obtained; and this spirit of benevolent regard for the millions perishing in heathenism, is not stationary: it is advancing with accelerated progress. You may occasionally hear that the Missionary treasury is exhausted & embarrassed; but such results, in time past, have not been owing to a decrease of benevolence in the Churches, nor will they be in time to come. Their occasional recurrence will be inseparable from human schemes, even with the wisest management that earth can afford; and the want of enterprise will be more sure, to bring them, than an excess of it. Like occasional stagnations in Commerce, they will come; but, by furnishing an opportunity & necessity for loud & general appeal, they are always overruled for good: nor did they ever yet oblige the Committee to refuse the services of a single missionary, or to recall one from the field. Repose unwavering confidence, then, in the Churches. They will sustain the Board in all judicious plans for advancing Christ's kingdom among the heathen, & move the less vigorously if those plans are made with reference to the whole work to be done.

Our aim will be to occupy central positions, where the press shall be erected, & the translator reside, & from whence there may be easy access to great surrounding districts. The most favorable positions must be the first sought & occupied. And not merely in one nation. It is not the command of Christ, nor is it wise, to delay till we gain full possession of one nation, before we enter another. Glad should we be if we could enter all heathen nations simultaneously, light up the fires of truth in all at the same moment & pour the mingled cries of every benighted tribe & people at once upon the ears of the Church. If there is any island we cannot now enter, we must occupy the point nearest to it; if any nation, we must, if possible, surround it.

II. We propose in all ordinary cases not to interfere with other Missionary Societies. It is not always an interference to labor on the same ground; but rarely is it desirable for Missionaries of different Societies to occupy the same district, especially if they belong to different religious denominations. "The Board has acted on this maxim from the beginning. Its Missions, with very few exceptions, have been established in districts, which, at the time, were occupied by no other Protestant Societies. The exceptions were occasioned by direct invitation on the part of Missionaries of other Societies on the ground. A letter from the Rev. Mr Gutzlaff urged us to send a Mission to Siam. A letter from the Rev. Dr Morrison & others, invited us to Canton & the Chinese empire. In recommending new Missions & Stations, keep in view this usage of the Board, and always inform the Committee what previous missionary efforts have been made in the field proposed, what portions are already occupied, and what plans for occupation or enlargement on the part of other Missionaries or societies you are acquainted with. "The Field is the World", and it is large enough

for all. In your particular mission it is probable you will often come in contact with missionaries of other societies, & it is possible you may hereafter meet with those who belong to different religious denominations from yourselves. With every missionary of the protestant name be on terms of Christian friendship. Provided they preach Christ, let them take their own way of uniting his disciples with the visible Church. The noise of controversy on the rites & forms of Christianity, had better not be heard beyond the bounds of Christendom.

Your field of missionary labor is co-extensive with that great community which speaks, & with that still more extensive community which reads the Chinese language. The language of at least a fourth part of the human race; a medium of thought, doubtless, long before the existence of any of the other languages now spoken in the world: printed & stereotyped ages previous to the invention of printing in Europe; singular in its nature, and difficult of acquisition, experience has discovered however, that the difficulties are less than was supposed; and during the twenty years past, many of the mountains have been levelled and many of the valleys filled, which obstructed our approach to China. And as she rises to view, the Christian world is more and more impressed by the prospect. Her mountains, plains, rivers, and canals, are seen to be covered with people; while millions of the busy race are scattered over the neighboring countries and islands. Nor are they barbarians: they have arts & sciences; and among them are more persons who are able to read & write probably, than in Great Britain & America, combined. But the sun of their civilization, which rose four thousand years ago, has never ascended to the zenith, and it is now stationary, if not retrograde. When the warlike Scythian, two hundred years since, descended from upper Asia, & took possession of

the throne, a combination of opposite qualities was effected in the national character, by which its elasticity & vigor were in some measure renewed. But the new qualities infused were fierce & warlike, and contained no sanatory principle: and that great nation, so admirably situated & so populous and wealthy, more so indeed than any other, has probably been growing more polluted and sinful for two thousand years. We must distinguish between the excellent maxims contained in some of their sacred books, and the conduct of the people; nor must we suppose that their good maxims are understood in China in the same exalted & virtuous sense, in which they would be understood by a people enjoying the light of the Gospel. It is said by an enlightened observer, to be far otherwise. But the false sentiments and pernicious principles in their books, outnumber and outweigh all the others. The most eminent sages of China were idolaters, & worshipped the heavens & the earth, mountains and rivers, and the spirits of the dead. Even Confucius was an idolater. But when the sect of Fo, many ages after the time of Confucius brought the sacred books of Boodhism from India, and with more than Christian zeal, dispersed them over China, then error multiplied upon error, superstitions without number were introduced, the gods became innumerable, and idolatry was rendered far more degrading and demoralizing than before. Among that ancient people you will find, with some slight variations, the idolatry of Canaan, Egypt, Greece, Rome, Chaldea, and India. They worship everything. They all repose confidence in charms and spells, and astrology, divination, geomancy, and necromancy, everywhere prevail. The sect of Confucius has no knowledge of a future state: and the heaven of Boodhists is a sensual paradise, containing fortified palaces, groves of trees producing gems, pools of fragrant water, & showers of sweet odors, and myriads

of birds of exquisite plumage, singing on trees of gold, with ravishing notes of a hundred thousand kinds. Such is the paradise of Boodhism. But the time does not permit us to dwell longer upon the religious state of the Chinese. You will make it an object of diligent enquiry; as you will also, the character of their morals. These are described by Dr Milne as accordant with the dark picture drawn by the apostle Paul in the introduction to his Epistle to the Romans. The doctrine of transmigration of the soul from one body to another, & of inevitable fate, freezes & paralyzes the social principle. Alas! how generally is the cry of the exposed and dying female infant disregarded in China! Beneath a parade of manners reduced to the most regular form, how much does one acquainted with the language & spirit of the people, see to deplore. The nation groaning under oppression & violence; their courts filled with bribery and injustice; their markets with cozening & deceit; their monasteries with ignorant & indolent ascetics; their houses with concubines, & even worse abominations! Such is the character & condition of the people to whom the Committee, sustained by the word of and providence of God, and by numerous Churches in this land, send you with the "glorious Gospel of the blessed God." But while our increasing knowledge reveals more and more to awaken our pity, it affords additional encouragement to hope for better days. The history of papal missions in China & Japan is fraught with instruction. Though there were doubtless pious men among their Missionaries, yet the causes of their ultimate disaster and ruin were anything but the spirit of the Gospel. Divisions, jealousies, angry disputations among themselves, love for the honors of a Court, ambition of power; such, in general, were the causes of

their overthrow, and of the odium which has since come upon the Christian name. That was a terrible persecution, which prostrated the extensive fabric they had reared in China. It is found, however, that no enemy is so inveterate, none so annoying & dangerous, which Protestant Missions have to encounter, as papal establishments in the unenlightened portions of the world. With invincible perseverance, and by every means in their power, they oppose our schools, and the circulation of the Holy Scriptures. Had their Missions in China been attended with permanent success, that success would have been more formidable to us, than the present exclusive policy of the Chinese government. Perhaps it is well for the cause of truth & righteousness, that there is no more of the papal power remaining in that Country. Just a century has elapsed since those Missions received their fatal blow; and now they exist only at Peking, where they are barely tolerated for scientific purposes; and in some of the interior & southern provinces, where they are concealed from public observation by distance & mountains. Since the year 1728, the Russians, by virtue of a treaty, have had an establishment at Peking, of six ecclesiastical & four lay members; but that establishment makes no attempts to propagate the Gospel in China. In short China has nothing to hope either from the Greek or Roman Churches. And she is naturally jealous of England, whose empire she knows extends over the greater part of India, and whose victorious arms, in the Burmese war nearly reached to her western border. It would seem therefore, that Providence throws the chief burden of responsibility for the spiritual illumination of China, upon the protestant Churches of this new world. If her government can be made to understand our position on the earth; and that we no more

acknowledge the authority of the pope than they do themselves; and that we utterly disclaim the right of interfering in the civil governments of nations; — is it too much to suppose that she will at least connive at our efforts, while they are discreetly made?

The late voyages of Mr. Gutzlaff along the coast of China, demonstrate a strong disposition among the people to welcome foreigners who come peaceably to their shores. The fact is so obvious, that these voyages will probably constitute an era in the commercial and religious history of that country. Already is mercantile enterprise awake, & determined, if possible, to break down the barriers against trade erected by the government; & the prospect now is, that what can not be effected by embassies & treaties, will be silently accomplished by public opinion in China, roused by the voice of commerce along her whole extent of sea coast to control & change the laws. Here, brethren, we see the element of human society put in motion & controlled, by the gracious Providence of our God, for the advancement of his religion: and it is a glorious fact, that war, revolution, colonization, commerce, science, art, and a thousand other causes, are bringing every part of the earth within reach of the Church, and preparing a high way for her through all nations.

Having taken this brief view of the field of your labor, the Committee will now, dear brethren, give you such particular Instructions with regard to your respective duties, as the occasion demands.

You will always feel at liberty, and regard it as your duty, to consult the Committee in all cases, where the interests of the Mission are involved, where you are in doubt what course to pursue, & when the case does require immediate action. And here it should be remarked, that whenever

you request the advice or decision of the Committee on any point, you should be especially careful to state the case fully & clearly, exhibiting with candor all the arguments & circumstances which are supposed to have a bearing upon it, &, so far as you can ascertain them, the opinions which honest, judicious, & well informed men entertain upon the subject. Such information is much more important to the Committee, than Missionaries in new & distant fields are commonly aware of; and, were it always furnished on subjects submitted to the Committee it would save not only the Committee but the Missionaries themselves from much perplexity, & the operations of the Mission from much otherwise unnecessary retardation & embarrassment.

In the Rev. Dr. Morrison, of the London Missionary Society, that venerable father in the China Mission, you will find a counsellor whom you will always respect, and a friend whom you will highly esteem.

You will both acquire a knowledge of the Chinese language as soon as possible. The labors of Morrison, & Milne, & Medhurst, & Gutzlaff have provided important facilities. Mr. Bridgman, your coadjutor in the mission, will also be able to afford you very great assistance in the study of the language.

The liberal grants of the American Bible Society & the American Tract Society for printing the Holy Scriptures & Religious Tracts in the Chinese language, the disposition of our Church to make still more liberal appropriations for the same object, and the demands of Millions of readers in China & its adjacent colonies; — Make it necessary that Mr. Bridgman should now devote his attention chiefly to the multiplication & circulation of Christian books in the Chinese language. This he is instructed to do, as far as will comport with the safety of other interests, which ought not to be sacrificed.

In this view the arrival of you both in Canton, will be most seasonable.

Mr. Tracy — You, dear Brother, have been accustomed to write for the press; & having a taste for that kind of employment, & some experience, you will be able at once to afford Mr. Bridgman important relief in that portion of editorial duties which devolves upon him in reference to the Chinese Repository. This monthly journal, — the chief object of which is to acquaint the Christian world with the geography, government, literature, and social & moral condition of China and other nations of South eastern Asia, — is printed at the press of the American Mission at Canton, & has been ably edited by Mr. Bridgman, in connexion with Dr. Morrison and one or two other gentlemen residing in China. The Committee believe that this work ought to be sustained, till the Christian Church is better informed concerning the populous nations in that quarter of the world, & far more interested in their spiritual illumination. While, therefore, you are acquiring the language of China, you will not refuse to take such part in these labors in your own tongue, as the associate editors of the Repository shall deem advisable.

So far as the Committee are able now to judge, the studies and labors which have been mentioned will form your principal occupation during the first year or two of your residence in China. Though you will on no account lose sight of your ministerial office & duties, nor forbear to preach the gospel whenever you have opportunity. Meanwhile, Providence may be expected to shed light upon the subsequent path of your duty as a Missionary. But let the establishment of Christ's kingdom in China, be henceforward the grand object of all your labors. Your Lord & Master, while on his Mission had one thing to do, & how was he

straitened till it was accomplished! He lived, & died for the whole world; you will live & spend life for a part, and that part will be China — the publication of the gospel in the immense empire of China — the rescue of her myriads, through the knowledge of the truth & the power of the Holy Ghost, from the thraldom of sin.

Mr. Williams sustains the relation of printer to the China Mission, and this relation acquires uncommon interest when we reflect on the immense number of readers, which may probably be found within the compass of the Chinese language. The opportunities which Divine Providence has been pleased to afford you, Dear Brother, for mental cultivation, especially in the natural sciences, should lead you to a more ardent and entire consecration of yourself to the service of Christ in this work. Henceforth put all your powers of body and mind into requisition for making the press felt, through the grace of God, wherever the Chinese language is spoken. At first indeed, your efforts will be chiefly directed to printing in your own language, & such printing will always demand some degree of your attention. But printing in the English language, is not the great object for which you are sent forth. There must be printing on a large scale in the Chinese language. From the attention which the Committee has given to the subject, it does not seem probable that metalic, moveable types will ever come into extensive use in China. The Chinese characters represent ideas, and the many thousands which would be requisite would be exceedingly expensive; and then where shall we find space to arrange them in cases, or printers skilled enough in the language to use them? The Chinese for nearly a thousand years have had a method of printing, than which nothing can be more simple: the letters being cut as you already know, on wooden blocks, after the manner of our

engravers on wood. No press is required. In China the printer may be itinerant, as well as the preacher. Both may travel & labor together in their respective departments: for the block being ready, the ink is applied to the surface with a soft brush; then the paper is applied, & gently pressed with another brush upon the characters standing out in relief, and the work is done. The blocks for Dr Morrison's octavo Chinese New Testament of 537 pages cost but 500 dollars, or less than one dollar a page; and from 30 to 50,000 impressions may be taken from the blocks. The lithographic art may also be applied to Chinese printing, especially were immediate impressions are required, and you will find a press of this kind already on the ground.

Precisely in what manner the mechanical labors in this great process will be performed, we cannot, indeed, yet know with certainty. But we do know that those labors will afford the most ample scope for ingenuity & science to operate; and that they will not be prepared as speedily, nor as well, as they ought to be, nor indeed at all, without unceasing industry, vigilance, & faithfulness on the part of some one.

Here, then, is your particular department of labor & responsibility. A vast amount of printing is to be done, — some of it in the English language, but most of it in the Chinese, — and you & those who shall be associated with you hereafter in the same department are to see that there is as little delay & expense, and as great perfection, in the performance of it, as possible. Let this be your great duty, and let all your other studies & labors be subservient to this. It is, indeed, for the mission to decide — in the manner prescribed by the Rules & Regulations of the Board — as to what works shall be printed, & the Mission may prescribe

rules for the conduct of the printing department, under the authority of the Committee: but your proper department of responsibility & duty will be understood by your brethren, & by the Committee, to be the one just described.

The world will be enlightened by the blessing of God on the proper division & application of human labor; and the progress of the cause of Christ is apparent in the continual multiplication of departments of Christian Zeal & effort. But which your attention is mainly directed to your department as a printer, it need not & should not be confined to that department. By a holy example, by conference with your brethren, by religious conversation with natives of the country, by circulating books among them, by collecting information for the Committee, by a discreet employment of your knowledge of the natural sciences, by the wise prosecution of your studies in those sciences, and in many other ways, you may add much to your usefulness.

You perceive, Brethren, that you have a great field before you, and the high probability that every part of it will be accessible long before we are ready to occupy the whole of it. And when you look upon the great oceans South & east of China, how many thousands of beautiful and populous islands do you see! In regard to the greater part of these, only one thing is necessary to render them immediately accessible to the Gospel: & that is the means of conveying the Missions to them, & of sending these Missions annual supplies of necessary articles. And the Committee believe that the time is near when the merchants of this or of some other city, will maintain a ship in that part of the world, for the express purpose of facilitating the progress of the Gospel along the shores of China, & in the extensive Archipelagoes in the Indian & Pacific Oceans.

But it is time to bring these Instructions to a close. Dear Brethren, be circumspect in all your ways, not only while you remain with us, but during your voyage, and while you live. The Missionary ought ever to remember, and to be admonished & humbled by the fact, that he is a public character. He is surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Far off among the heathen, he is in danger of losing the impression of this fact; but any great delinquency in his conduct as a missionary, will almost certainly become known to multitudes, both of the friends & enemies of Christ. How ought he, therefore, to run with patience the race set before him! How ought he to live, and labor, & pray! Especially ought he to be constrained to activity and faithfulness, by a consideration of the love of Christ, & by a belief in his presence to observe, sustain, assist, & bless his servants in heathen lands. Love each other with a pure heart fervently, and strengthen each other's hands. Be faithful unto death; then will you rejoice that you bade adieu to parents & relations & native land, on the great errand of love on which the Committee affectionately send you.

By order of the Prudential Committee

W. B. Wisner
R. Anderson } Secretaries
David Greene

Boston Missionary Rooms
June 6. 1833

My Dear Sir

For nearly a fortnight past I have been kept at home by a broken right arm, which I am not yet able to use. This is the reason I have not written you before in reply to yours of 27th Ult.

I have no funds yet in hand for the

benefit of the Misses Van Lennep, but was requested by Mr. Tilden to call on some gentleman he named in Boston for money in case it was needed before I received a remittance from Smyrna.

Mr Tilden went away without giving me any particular information with regard to the pecuniary affairs of these young men, which I regret. I find however a Memorandum, which I took down from his mouth, to this effect: — that he had advanced $111.— to Mr Fellows above all debts due March 1. 1833. Yet I find their board charged from Jany 30th. & possibly other bills may reach back farther than the 1st. of March. I do not write you for information because I doubt your correctness at all, but as there is this discrepancy, it behoves me to notice it before making the advance. I am sorry to give you this trouble, and would not do so if I could help it, but I will thank you to give me such explanations as may be in your power. As soon as I am able after receiving your reply, I will call on one of the gentlemen mentioned by Mr. Tilden, and will endeavor to procure the money for you.

Please remember me affectionately to the Young gentlemen, and believe me very respectfully & truly yours,

R. Anderson

Dorchester Mass.

July 3. 1833.

Mr. F. Fellows

Hartford, Conn.

Missionary Rooms, Boston
July 3. 1833

G. A. Perdicaris Esq
New Haven, Conn.

My Dear Sir,

About a fortnight since I had the misfortune to be overturned in the stage, and to break my right arm. Since then I have been mortified to find your letter of April 20th among a number of papers to which I had not had occasion to refer for some time before. This is the reason it has remained so long unanswered, the delay having been wholly unintentional. For the reason stated at the commencement of this letter, I can now write you only a few lines. Indeed I scarcely know what to say about Mr. King's College at Athens. The decisive movement must originate either with Mr. King himself, or with his friends at N. York who published his Prospectus. Mr. King seems not to know what he ought to do, and I do not learn that anything very decisive is likely to be done at N. York.

I wish you would write to Mr Wilder, Mr. Lewis, & others at New York, asking them what they think of doing in reference to this object. I confess I am not very sanguine as to what can be effected just now, but am greatly in favor of knowing better than we do now what can be done, or at least what ought to be attempted. I am, my Dear Sir, very respectfully & truly yours,

R. Anderson Sec'y &c.

A. B. C. F. M.

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Rev William Ellis, Missionary Rooms Boston June 14 1833
London

My Dear Brother

Your fav. of Feb. 28th, enclosing copies of your correspondence with Mr. Krohn, was duly rec^d. So was J. Horton Jones's pamphlet. Had you given me permission to publish your letter to Mr. Krohn, I should have sent it to one of our religious papers. Our peri dical press, however, contains very few slanders on our Sandwich Island Mission just now; so that it is the less important to notice them. But I am glad to have an abundance of materials on hand against the day of need.

The brethren at the Sandwich Islands have probably informed you of the results of their deliberations concerning the proposed mission to the Washington Island. It appears that the deputation returned to Honolulu on the 17th of Novr. The brethren of that station to whom the subject had been referred at the general meeting of the mission in June, after hearing the report of the deputation were in favor of commencing the mission immediately, provided a physician could accompany it. This on inquiry was found not to be practicable, & about the last of December, the following resolution was adopted by the brethren at Honolulu; viz.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Com^ee that the subject should be postponed till further light is thrown upon it, or till a general meeting of the mission shall resume it."

The Mentor, if not delayed by an accident, will reach the islands before the general meeting which is held during the present month, & she carried out a recommendation to the mission to suspend proceedings in respect to the Washington Islands, in case the Mission had not been undertaken, until they heard further from the Com^ee. — In April last the following resolution was sent by the Hagada.

Resolved, That in case no decisive steps have

been taken too and a mission in the Was being to Island before the arrival of the Cygnet at Honolulu, the missionaries at the Sandwich Islands be instructed to do nothing further in the case, until otherwise directed by the Com^tee; unless conclusive reasons for proceeding shall have been developed since their annual meeting of 1832."

Such is the state of the case & it ought to be known to you. It is possible that our brethren at the Sandwich Islands may have sent a mission to the Marquesas before the Mentor arrives, but not probable. The probability is very great that the whole ground will be left open to your society. I regret the inadvertence which brought us in your way. The rule upon which we believe we are to act is, not to interfere with other evangelical societies. The world is large enough for us all. And you will do us a great favor by frankly apprising us of the fact when you see us in danger of infringing this rule. The views adopted by the Com^tee on this subject were incorporated in the Instructions lately given to our missionaries to South eastern Asia, & will probably be published in the Herald for August. In my last I mentioned the difficulty we have in procuring books from England through our booksellers. It is very great. Some books we sent for many months since, have not arrived, & I know not as they will. These delays operate greatly to our disadvantage. Allow me, then, to ask one favor of you, which is that you will engage a trustworthy man to act as a book agent for our Board, & also for a small society lately incorporated in this city for the purpose of gradually accumulating a library of foreign books. We need a man to whom we can send orders with a confidence that they will be attended to immediately, even though the number of books ordered at one time is small, as it generally will be. We shall of course expect to pay a reasonable commission. I will enclose an order, which I beg you

will put into the hands of such a man, & let him write me when he sends the books, saying what he will do. It will be sufficient for yourself to mention his name. Mr. Hill will make arrangements to have him promptly paid. In the present instance, he will remit the funds as soon as we are apprised as to the amount, & hereafter, if the agent prefers it, we will remit the when we send the order.

Excuse, Dear Brother, the trouble I give you, & remember me to Mr. Arundel & your family. Mrs. Anderson desires affectionate regards to Mrs. Ellis, & I am very respectfully & truly yours

R Anderson

P.S. The order from Mr. Hill on the preceding page is to enable the agent to receive his pay in part, without delay. We can make any such arrangement in future as will be most convenient to him. I wish him to recommend some specific mode of receiving his pay.

Boston June 12 1833

Rev. J. Arundel
London — } Be pleased to pay to the order of Rev. Wm. Ellis the amount which may be in your hands to my credit, & oblige, Dear Sir

Yours very Sincerely
Henry Hill

here follows the List of Books alluded to in above letter —

Books to be sent in a box by themselves, addressed to "Rev. Rufus Anderson, Librarian of Third Social Library of Boston, 28 Cornhill" viz. History of Madagascar, in connection with the Protestant Mission. Edited by Rev. W. Ellis. = Memoir of Central India, By Sir John Malcolm. = Customs & manners of women in Persia, & their Domestic Superstitions. Translated from the original Persian manuscript, by James Atkinson Esqr. — Journal of the Royal Geographical Society of London
Joseph Blanco White's Letters from Spain.
" " — Practical & Internal Evidence against Catholicism. —
Burckhardt's Travels in Nubia } English translations
" — " in Syria
" — " " Arabia
Niebuhr's Travels —

Cook's Travels = Gordon's History of the Greek Revolution.
Niebuhr's History of Rome (English Translation)
Pringle's Journal of a voyage from Calcutta to
Van Diemen's Land = Capt Head's own land Journey
from India = Rev. J Milne's History of the 7 churches of Asia.
Narration of the Ashanti war by Maj Ricketts.
Memoir of Guiseppe d' Amato, missionary in Ava.
Von Siebold's History of Japan (French)
Reports of the Select Committee of the House of Commons
on the Observance of the Lord's day.
Commons on the " ——— " on the East India Com
pany's affairs
" " ——— " on Colonial Slavery.
The Anti Slavery Reporter.
Jardine's Outlines of a Philosophical Education.
Chronological & Historical Chart of Modern Europe, from
827 to 1830, in Parallel columns.

Books to be sent in a separate parcel, & addressed to "Rev. R
Anderson, Sec'y. of the A. B. C. F. M. 28 Cornhill, Boston"
viz. Dr. Morrison's Chinese Dictionary & Grammar
J Barrow's Travels in China
" Voyage to Cochin China.
Sir Geo. Staunton's Embassy to China
Lord Amherst's Embassy to China
J Lockman's Travels of the Jesuits = Mayor Laing's Travels
in Western Africa = Clapperton's Travels in Western Africa.

But the Bills for each of these two orders be separate, the parcel
separate, & the direction in each case as above ~~directed~~ requested.
The Rev. Mr. Ellis, Foreign Sec'y. of the London Miss'y. Soc'y. has
the money of paying the expense of some part of these books, &
the residue will be remitted as soon as the amt. is known.
Hereafter remittances will be made with the order, if
desired. It is earnestly requested that the books may be
sent without delay, & sent in all cases direct to Boston.
If sent to Boston, the Books sent to the Third Social Library
of Boston will come free of duty.

R Anderson Sec'y of the A B C F M.

Rev. Wm A Hallock Missionary Rooms Boston June 14, 33
New York City

My Dear Brother

Our Com'tee have the
meeting I mentioned to you in reference to the Bombay
mission, and are resolved to take measures as speedily as
possible, which seem adapted, with the divine blessing,
to give new life to the mission. I am not yet able,
however, to say with any confidence when Mr. Allen
will return to Bombay; it may be within two or
three months, & it may not be the present year:
& on the whole I could not advise you to appro
priate more than a 1,000 dollars to that mission

Mr. Allen says there is a translation of Mr. Hall's Tract, entitled "The three Worlds" in a number of the Spirit of the Pilgrims for the last year; he says in the month of February. The volume is not at hand, or I would look for it. Should you lay your hand upon it, perhaps your Com. would approve of its publication at the expense of your Society. The translation was made by Mr. Allen. Mr. Allen is translating several of the Tracts published by the mission, & will send the Translations to you ere long.

I am dear Brother very affect'y Yours

R Anderson

Rev Wm. Arms
Andover

Missionary Rooms Boston
June 15 1833

My Dear Sir

You had better apply to Dr Woods for leave of absence during the remainder of the term. He will explain the reasons to his colleagues, and gave us assurance that no objection would be offered. Our Committee meet on Tuesday afternoon. I advise you to come to Boston that day, prepared to proceed to Pennsylv. by way of Auburn. We will write to Mr Comb by you, in case the Committee think proper to appoint him. I advise that you take with you a certificate of your regular Church Standing, and of your license. We will consult with regard to the time & place of your ordination. I am persuaded that the less publicity than is given to your mission at present, the better.

In great haste, but very truly

Yours

R. Anderson Sec'y &c

To the Revs. Mess.rs Samuel Munson, Henry Lyman, Charles Robinson, & Stephen Johnson.

Dear Brethren

You have been appointed to the Mission, which has been commenced by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in South eastern Asia; a passage has been engaged for you in the Ship Duncan, Capt Randall; and you are expected to leave your native land on the morrow. The Committee would gladly furnish you with written Instructions more full & explicit for your future guidance, than present circumstances render possible. Much must be referred to your discretion: and this, indeed, is almost always the case in respect to distant Missions; especially in their commencement, when little, comparatively, is known concerning the field to be cultivated. Where however the Instructions you receive from the Committee are explicit & positive, the Committee of course expect them to be followed, unless the most weighty reasons forbid; and then the deviation should always be stated in your correspondence, together with the reasons which led to it. The Instructions of the Prudential Committee to their Missionaries, are of the same binding authority upon the Missionaries for whom they are designed, as are the Rules & Regulations of the Board, printed in the Appendix to the last Annual Report. They are framed with a constant reference to this fact, and are never made peremptory, except when the Committee are confident that such instructions are authorized & required by the nature of the case. They are designed, also, to be consistent with the letter & spirit of the Laws and Regulations of the Board. Those you have attentively examined, and as you make no objection to them, you are regarded as coming under their obligation. They empower the Prudential Committee to instruct and direct the Missionaries of the Board. The

committee make it a rule to acquaint the Missionary, in all the more important cases in which it is practicable, with the particular services expected of him and to ascertain his views & wishes on the subject, before making a formal requisition of those services. To this rule they will ever adhere; but it may be important to remark, that such a previous step is by no means essential to the obligation of their resolutions & instructions. In a word, the enterprize in which you and we are engaged, is one requiring mutual confidence in an eminent degree. The Committee repose confidence in their missionaries, giving them large discretionary power in cases where it appears to be desirable, and permitting their own deliberations and decisions to be swayed in great measure by the facts and opinions contained in the correspondence of their missionaries. The Missionaries repose confidence in the Committee; — freely communicating to them their opinions & feelings, and the results of their observations, and cheerfully receiving and following such instructions as the Committee think are demanded by the interests of the great cause. Such is the intimate relation between the Committee & the missionary, and such their mutual dependance; and this dependance and relation being mutually understood, and the duties arising from them being mutually performed, there will be an orderly an efficient System. In this, as in every other System of efforts that can be devised, our obligations to our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ are of course paramount to all others which it is possible to create. His Will is the Supreme Law.

In obedience to the will of your Lord, as expressed in the last injunction which proceeded from his mouth, you now go forth to the heathen. The Ship which is to take you is bound to Batavia, the capital of the great & fertile island of Java. On arriving at that port, your first attention will be due to the local authorities, whose conduct in times past towards the Servants of Christ, bound on a similar errand with yourselves, has been such as to

warrant the belief, that they will receive you with kindness & respect. You have no mercantile, no political designs. Your only aim is to publish the Gospel of Jesus among pagans & Mahommedans. Should Mr Medhurst, of the London Missionary Society, be at Batavia, you will lose no time in taking counsel of him, not only respect to your duty to the Dutch government, but with regard to a healthy residence while remaining on the island, and to your subsequent movements. His experience, his tried character, and his eminent standing as a missionary, entitle his opinions to great weight.

Two of you, with the leave of Providence, are to prosecute the mission begun by Mr Abeel in Siam; and two of you are to spend some time in exploring the islands of the Indian Archipelago. But wherever you are, whether stationary or itinerant close & accurate observation will be among your most important duties. The light of full and animated description must reveal to the churches the abominations & necessities of the people in those benighted regions. It therefore becomes important, before specifying the particular duties of the two departments you are to occupy, to call your attention to one or two general remarks, which you will not lose sight of in your correspondence with the Committee.

(Here follow the two remarks contained in the Instructions to Mess.rs Tracy & Williams p. 259)

The Committee now address themselves to Mr Robinson & Mr Johnson destined to the Siamese Mission.

From Java, Dear Brethren, you will naturally take passage, at the proper time, for Singapore, the flourishing British Settlement near the southeastern extremity of the peninsula of Malacca. As it is possible you may arrive at Batavia after the season has passed, in which vessels usually proceed from Singapore to Siam, you will determine whether you had better remain for several months in Java attending to the Chinese or Malay language either of which may be acquired in Java as well, probably,

as in any other place. The expense of living is great in Singapore, and it may be difficult to obtain suitable lodgings at short notice for your families. You will obtain the best advice on the subject in your power, and act accordingly.

While detained at Singapore it may be well for you, should time permit, to visit the Anglo-Chinese College at Malacca. You will also make arrangements with our English brethren in that quarter for a regular supply of such books as you will need for distribution in Siam. You will require a considerable quantity & will doubtless be able to obtain them from Singapore at a reasonable price. The Board will guaranty their payment; but for the Holy Scriptures, and for Religious Tracts coming within the scope of the American Tract Society, the grants of those institutions will doubtless meet your expenditures. Mr Abeel has been requested by the Committee to visit the United States for a special purpose, and will probably be on his way before your arrival; but Mr Tomlin of the London Missionary Society, should you meet with him, will be able to give you much useful information concerning the field of your future labors, and from him & Mr Thomson, also of the same Society, you may obtain advice of the greatest value.

The printed journals of your predecessors in the Siamese mission will throw light upon the path of your duty, on your arrival at Bankok, the Chief City in Siam. You may anticipate a cordial welcome from Mr Jones, the missionary of the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, whom we doubt not you will find a valuable fellow laborer in this work of the Lord. You will soon know what degree of publicity to give yourselves & your incipient efforts as missionaries.

Your knowledge of Medicine you will doubtless find an important means of attracting the people to your houses, & of securing confidence in yourselves & attention to the gospel. While you are not backward to relieve bodily distress, let your eye be fixed intently upon the

more dangerous maladies of the soul; and while you administer the appropriate remedies to the body & the soul, remember the utter inefficiency of means alone without the blessing of God, & be instant in prayer day & night, you & your partners in this mission, that He would accept your service, & crown your endeavors with success.

You will be in great danger of shortening your lives, by neglecting to give proper attention to the preservation of health. The necessity of temperance, exercise, cheerfulness, and whatever else contributes to vigor of body & mind, though great in your own country, will be far greater there. See that you do not by inattention on this point needlessly bring odium upon the climate of Siam, and thus throw barriers in the way of multiplying the number of Missionaries in that promising field.

Your situation will enable you to obtain information concerning the interior of Siam, and the neighboring countries of Laos & Cambodia; and perhaps divine Providence, in process of time, may permit you to visit those countries, and observe the character & condition of the people.

Mr Munson & Mr Lyman are bound on a tour of observation & inquiry among the islands of the Indian Archipelago. The particular islands & districts, the order in which they shall receive attention, & the time to be spent in each must be left in great measure to be determined after your arrival, in view of facts as they shall then appear.

Your first care will be to make a safe & proper disposition of your families, and to acquire the Malay language, which is extensively spoken in the field you are to traverse. This being done, the Committee recommend that you proceed to Pulo Nias, an island lying off the coast of Sumatra, & said to contain more than 200,000 souls:- a singularly interesting race of pagans & deserving immediate

attention, according to the account given of them by Sir Thomas Raffles. Some other small islands in the neighborhood of this may be worthy of attention.

Having acquainted yourselves with the people of Pulo Nias, you will proceed, if possible, to the northwestern part of Sumatra, for the purpose of investigating the character and condition of the Battas, an extensive and populous nation, occupying the part of the island between Acheen & Menangkabu, from Shore to Shore. The interior is said to be thickly inhabited, and the nation to consist of between one & two millions of souls.

This people was visited by Sir Thomas Raffles, & he has given an exceedingly interesting account of them, with which you are acquainted. You will inquire if any traces are left of the labors of Mr Burton, a Baptist Missionary from England, who spent several years among them, until he fell a victim to the climate.

The Mahommedans are said to be making vigorous efforts, by violent means, to propagate their religion in some of the interior parts of Sumatra. In general, paganism is believed to prevail in the interior of all the large islands; but along the coasts of most of the islands in the Malayan Archipelago, the Mahommedan religion has obtained a footing. In some places it has strong ecclesiastical establishments. Versions of the Koran, or parts of it, are said by Dr Milne to have been made into Chinese, Malay, Maccassar, & probably other languages. You will enquire wherever you go, into the extent of the Mahommedan religion, and the hold it appears to have on the minds of the people.

The languages spoken in the several islands, you will make also a special subject of inquiry. Sumatra, Java, Celebes, the Sulu Islands, the Moluccas, and Borneo, compose what may properly be termed the Malayan Groupe. The Malays are found on the shores of these islands, but, according to Raffles, no where in the interior, except the state of

Menangkabu, in the interior of Sumatra. That excellent authority describes them as one people, have one language, possessing a similar character & similar customs. The Scriptures have been printed for them, both in the Arabic & Roman letters. The other parts of the islands are said to be peopled by nations radically distinct from the Malays: speaking languages entirely different, and using a variety of written characters, original & peculiar to each. These few hints will suggest important topics of inquiry while you are upon the great island of Sumatra.

Having refreshed yourselves after this tour, and forwarded a report concerning it for the use of the Committee, you will consider whether a voyage to Amboyna will not be expedient. This island is the Dutch metropolis of the Moluccas, & the central point of a successful Mission conducted by the Netherlands Missionary Society. That excellent Missionary, Mr Kam, formerly connected with the London Missionary Society, & now with the Netherlands Society, is understood to be still residing at Amboyna, and will be able and disposed to give you much information concerning the numerous islands, & groups of islands, in that part of the Archipelago; and from Amboyna you cannot find it difficult to procure a passage to Ceram, Celebes, Ilolo, New Guinea, or any other islands in that quarter, which you may desire to visit. It is said that when the Dutch power was in its height in the east, Christian teachers were dispersed over the whole chain of islands extending from Lambok to the great island of Timor, southwest of Amboyna. The only other island, which the Committee will particularly commend to your attention in these Instructions, is Bornes, one of the largest in the world.

Various and conflicting accounts are given by travellers concerning the character & manners of the people. But whatever be the facts we must endeav

to establish a mission among them as soon as possible; and you will probably be able to visit some parts of that island and determine upon the most suitable locations.

Among the primary points claiming your attention wherever you go, are the topography of the island or district — the various communities, population, languages, religions — the intellectual, moral & social condition of the people — their disposition to receive Christian teachers — the means of access to them, the facilities for sustaining a mission when once established among among them.

Your report for the Committee should be drawn up with the greatest care. The Committee will desire your opinions, and the facts and considerations upon which those opinions are founded. Beware of overstating, coloring, precipitancy; beware of prejudice, despondency, enthusiasm. Be sober minded. Daily & hourly watch unto prayer. Remember your great responsibility. Feel deeply & habitually that you will accomplish nothing without divine influence to guide, sustain & bless you.

To that support & guidance & blessing you are all now affectionately & confidently commended. You "go bound in the Spirit" to uncongenial climes & for distant nations but partially civilized & opposed to the religion of Christ; "not knowing the things that shall befall" you. "Afflictions", in different forms, it is most likely, "abide you". Your labors for the spiritual good of the people among whom you travel or reside may be hindered by sickness, or other obstacles; they may soon be terminated by death. But you have given yourselves to Jesus Christ, without reserve, for the work of missions among the perishing Heathen. That work, you know, he regards with peculiar favor; for none is so near like his own, & that of his beloved apostles.

He will direct your way, & order all your circumstances, in unchanging wisdom & love. He has pledged to you, every where and in all circumstances, his special presence, & assistance & comfort. "Go, ye into all the world, & preach the gospel to every creature; lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." "My grace is sufficient for thee". "As thy day is so shall thy strength be". "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee: for I, Jehovah, am thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Savior". "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm." "My word that goeth forth out of my mouth, shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it. For ye shall go out with joy, & be led forth with peace: the mountains & the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." "I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh." "The kingdom & the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the Saints of the Most High – whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve & obey him." "Be ye faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life." What need you fear, in such a work, with such a Savior, and such promises? May you have hearts filled with love to him & his cause, and faith to realize continually his presence, & preciousness, and power and to trust the wisdom and plenitude & unchangeableness of his love. May he make you the instrument of great & unfading good to the people to whose service you are to be devoted. May he permit us to meet you all at last, in his heavenly kingdom, with a

multitude praising God that he disposed you to go forth, and us to send you, to proclaim to them the tidings of redeeming grace.

In behalf & by order of the Prudential Committee

Boston June 9. 1833

B. B. Wisner
R. Anderson } Secretaries
David Greene

Hon Edward Livingstone
Sec^y of State — Washington

Miss. Room
Boston June 19 1833

Sir

The Rev. James Read Eckard, a native of Phila., has been appointed a Missionary of the American Board of Commiss^rs for Foreign Missions, & expects to embark for the island of Ceylon on the first day of July. He is now on his way to Boston from Savannah, (Ga) and informs me that he has no passport, & shall not probably be able to take measures seasonably for procuring the necessary certificate as to his citizenship. I am unwilling to ask you to deviate from your regular course in such cases; but as it is very important that Mr Eckard have a passport, I will pledge myself to see the necessary certificate forwarded to you on his arriving in Boston, & the passport properly filled with a description of his person, in case you think proper to favor him with so useful a document.

I am, sir, with great respect,
Your obt. humble servant,
R. Anderson Sec^y of the
A.B.C.F.M.

Rev. Justin Perkins,
Amherst, Mass.

My Dear Brother

Mr. Smith spent the last night with me. He is making all his arrangements to be ready for embarkation in the latter part of the present month. I presume he will be married within a fortnight. We have no vessel in view, but as the fruit vessels will be leaving here about that time, we suppose there will be no great detention. Perhaps you had better follow the example of Mr. Smith. And keep us informed where letters will find you, telling us how long a letter will be in reaching you from Boston, so that we may give you the earliest information, on finding a suitable vessel. You & Br. Smith will receive your public instructions at the same time, and I shall be glad if you are here in season to enable me to confer with you before completing them.

If I remember correctly your passport has been obtained from the Secretary of State and sent to you. I think of nothing more to add, except that I am obliged to write you by dictation in consequence of a broken right arm occasioned by overturning in the stage near a fortnight since. Through divine mercy I am otherwise very well, and am very affectionately & truly Yours

R. Anderson Sec'y &c.

Dorchester Mass. July 3. 1833

A.B.C.F.M.

Rev Justin Perkins } Missionary Rooms Boston June 13 1833
Amherst College } My Dear Brother

We have sent letters missive to the churches you named in your letter, inviting them to meet in council for your ordination on the 26th at West Springfield. We have the other arrangements to yourself.

It would give us great pleasure to be present on the occasion, but it is impracticable. Mr. Greene has gone to Mackinaw, & a large company of missionaries is expected to embark for Ceylon on the first day of July. May you have the presence and consolations of the Holy Spirit on that interesting & solemn occasion.

We have no physician yet engaged, nor any in view, for the Nestorians. Have you heard of any? Mr. Smith may be expected to embark in the first suitable vessel bound to Malta after the middle of July. You would be glad to accompany him.

In great haste but very truly Yours
R Anderson

Rev Nehemiah Adams } Missionary Rooms
Cambridge Mass. } Boston June 17 1833

My Dear Brother

I wrote to Mr. Selby Whiting, of Hartford, the guardian of Sophia Bingham, as I proposed doing, and received a reply from Mr Whiting just as I was leaving Boston for N York. I told them that the Board would pay $40 towards Sophia's education this year, & probably the same sum for several years to come in case it was desirable. I also mentioned the generous intention of yourself for six months & some, and that I presumed neither yourself nor others interested in that proposal would be desirous that she should go to Dedham, provided that the same

amount of assistance, in conjunction with the 40 Dollars from the Treasury of the Board, would secure her the advantages of a good school for Six months to come. Mrs Whiting in reply appears anxious that Sophia should attend such a School, and requests that she may be sent to Hartford, where she may have the benefit of an excellent School for young ladies. Mrs Whiting expresses no opinion as to the desirableness of Sophia's receiving aid from the Treasury of the Board, nor indeed from any quarter out of her own circle of relations, nor any wish on the subject. We ~~acknowledge~~ know enough, however, to be satisfied that she has a claim upon us.

She is a charming girl, and I trust a truly pious one. She is now visiting at Capt Hunnewell's in Charlestown. It will be desirable ~~that~~ she accompany some ladies to Hartford, who leave here, I think, on Friday. May I hear from you before that time, and be informed if any evils will grow out of this change of plan in respect to her?

Very respectfully & truly yours

R Anderson Sec'y of the A B C F M

Mr. Titus Coan
Theol. Sem. Auburn

Missionary Room, Boston June 19 1833

My Dear Sir

The Committee at first thought of delaying your appointment until one of the Secretaries should visit Auburn, & have personal intercourse with you and the other brethren who have a foreign mission in view. An exigency, however, has arisen. An exploring mission has been resolved upon by the Com^tee (Providence permitting) on the eastern coast of Patagonia; the vessel in which the mission must go, if it goes during the present season, is expected to sail on the last of July, and two missionaries can have a free

passage; two men ought by all means to go, and not one alone; one, Mr Arms of the Andover Theological Seminary, has been engaged for the enterprise, and another is wanted.

At first we thought it would be well to associate a layman with Mr. Arms, & inquiries were made for one in different parts of the country: but Providence has not pointed out the man. At last it occurred to us, that perhaps you were the man.

We received your testimonials and made inquiries; and the result is, that the question has been brought before the Comte, and they have unanimously appointed you a missionary of the Board, with special reference to this important exploration. Mr. Arms, the bearer of this letter, and the person already appointed to this mission, will explain to you the nature of the mission. The plan is, in brief, that two men willing to endure hardship, should be landed on the coast, at a place which is resorted to by sealing vessels, & spend a suitable time, probably a year or more in travelling among the tribes of that coast — ascertain what can be done for them — where a mission had better be located — what ought to be the nature of the mission, &c.; and at the same time make arrangements for a mission, and then come home, and report to the Comte, &c.

As this subject comes before you unawares, & you have but little time to reflect upon it, we do not ask you to decide now, whether you will ultimately be a member of the Patagonian mission. The Comte will cheerfully leave this question to be determined at a future time, in view of Providential indications. The question now before you is, whether you will accompany Mr. Arms to the Patagonian coast, and spend a couple of years if necessary among the Indian tribes on that coast. Of course you will both

have to go unmanned. Mr. Arms leaves an intended wife behind him; and we understand from Mr. Rolins on that your circumstances are similar to his. Remember that men who go into the Pacific to catch whales, are doing this every year; & not for two years, but for three.

The expedition now proposed to you is one full of privations, but with little danger of life, so far as we can learn. It opens a prospect of bringing the gospel to the minds & hearts of the poor degraded natives of Patagonia. The present is a favorable opening, and perhaps the most favorable one, if not the only one, which will occur there many years. The time given you to decide is short, but you will need only to throw your mind into the subject, & seek to know your duty by earnest prayer to the Father of lights.

Should you consent to go, you will ask for leave of absence from the Professors during the remainder of the term — will take leave of your friends — and come on to Boston by the 15th or 20th of July with all the necessary credentials for ordination, unless the Presbytery with which you are connected prefer to ordain you themselves, & can do it in season for you to be here at the time mentioned. You & Mr. Arms can receive ordination in Boston at the same time.

I have not time to enlarge, & am writing you in the midst of the consultations of the Com^{ee}. I beg you to take this important subject into immediate and prayerful consideration. Let me hear from you as soon as possible. I earnestly hope you will go. If you do not, I see not how the mission can go during the present year. On your arrival at Boston, we will confer with you fully on the subject. — I commend Mr. Arms to your Christian confidence and

affection. He is a good man, willing to endure hardness. The Lord be with you, my dear brethren.

Most truly Yours

R Anderson

To the American Missionaries
in Jaffna, Ceylon

Dear Brethren

Divine Providence permitted me, last week, to be overturned in the Stage, and my right arm to be broken; but mercifully spared my life. I am obliged, therefore, to make use of an amanuensis. We designed to have drawn up Instructions at considerable length, for the Brethren who are about going to your aid; discussing a variety of points, exhibiting the whole plan of your mission; comparing the real nature of your progress with that of the Sandwich Islands Mission, & then deducing a variety of practical remarks, which ought, as we think, to make them enter with courage & zeal upon their work. But Mr. Greene is absent on a visit to Mackinaw, Dr Wisner has more than he can do, & I am unpractised in the art of dictation. We will write as much as we can. Should I, through your prayers, & the mercy of ~~God~~ our Lord Jesus, ~~this~~ profit as I ought under this rebuke, my correspondence with you will lose nothing in the end. I beseech you remember me continually in your prayers.

The present reinforcement outnumbers your whole army. I hope & pray that you may find the Members of it all possessing the like spirit with yourselves; or rather, I should say, the spirit of Jesus Christ. I am not yet acquainted personally with all of the Brethren, & have seen only one of their wives; but the whole

company is well recommended by judicious friends of the cause. We have much reason to believe them all pious, amiable, and sincerely devoted to the cause of Christ among the heathen. Dr Ward has been appointed since the reception of your letter dated Oct 13. 1832, & with special reference to the duties described in that letter. Dr Mussey recommends him in strong terms. We have vainly endeavored to procure a suitable printer. One will be sent as soon as obtained. Meanwhile Mr Hoisington, who acquired a knowledge of the art of printing before entering the ministry, will take charge of the press as far as the Mission think advisable. The printing establishment which is sent you, will, I apprehend, be found complete so far as the English language is concerned; and will need only the addition of Tamul types for the Tamul language. In case the Tamul types you obtained some years ago are insufficient for your purpose, you are authorized to make the necessary additions, which you will of course do with as little delay as possible.

Since the appointment of Mr. Eckard & Mr Apthorp to your Mission, the government have removed the restrictions they had imposed upon you; at least, the knowledge of this fact, with the consequent enlargement of your views & plans, has come to the knowledge of the Committee. A physician has therefore been appointed, with special reference to the Seminary: it has been resolved to send a printer, with divine permission, who will probably reside at Batticotta; & five ordained Missionaries have been sent out instead of two.

All things considered, it was thought best, both by Mr Eckard & the Committee, that he should go out with this reinforcement without completing his studies in sacred literature. What effect all these things should have in reference to his future labors, the Mission, after conferring fully with Mr Eckard, will be able to determine better than the

Committee. ~~that he should go out with this reinforcement without completing his studies in Sacred literature~~
We have not lately had an opportunity for personal conference with Mr Eckard, but infer from a letter he wrote a few months since proposing his early departure, that he will readily come into any arrangement which the best interests of the Mission shall require.

Mr Hill engages to write you fully on the subject of Mr Meigs return with his family & the children. I can only say, that you may be assured we have done the best in our power to make a satisfactory arrangement. The subject is one in which we feel a great interest.

Mr Hill remits £4,000 Sterling, to meet the expenses of your Mission, (not including the new brethren,) during the year 1834. You perceive that this is one thousand pounds more than usual. The Committee designed, by means of this thousand pounds, to make you an additional allowance of one thousand dollars for the enlargement of your schools, £200 or £300 Sterling for repairs of the Church at Batticotta; a similar amount for completing the principal College building; and a thousand dollars, the amount of an appropriation from the American Tract Society. The Committee do not wish to confine your appropriations very rigidly to either of these items, except the grant of the Tract Society. It is highly important that you enlarge your operations, & proceeding with your usual judgement, you need not despair of obtaining the means. The Tract Society will make you another liberal grant very shortly. The Bible Society have voted you two thousand dollars. The only thing I fear is that your demands upon the Bible & Tract Societies will not be great enough. The times are changing. Missionaries have long been calling upon the Churches for the means of prosecuting their labors, & now, as I do hope, the Churches will prep them with means, at least, in some departments of their

labors. In all our plans, however, we should have a due regard to proportion. The Committee agree with you fully in opinion that the number of the schools should not exceed your power of superintending them efficiently, & making them Christian schools; & there should of course be time & strength left for study, preaching, visitation, & keeping the press vigorously employed; and time, too, for writing, as you have been accustomed to do, for the information of the Churches at home.

I believe I have sent you several copies of a printed circular designed to procure a large amount of information for the use of the Committee. I shall request my associates at the Rooms to send you one or two more by this conveyance. Do not, I pray you, think the time lost, which is spent in answering our numerous inquiries. You occupy a very interesting field, have been long engaged in the work of Missions, appear to have a perfect understanding of each other's views & opinions, & the manner of your correspondence is so uniformly what we desire, that we trouble you more than we otherwise should. The inquiries so satisfactorily answered in letters received from you early in the present month concerning your private property, were made by myself only in obedience to the Committee. It was necessary, indeed, to obtain the information, before giving to your stipends the nature of a Salary. Should the Board hereafter be assailed on the ground that your salaries were large, it would be important to show that such inquiries had been made, and that an experiment of fifteen years & more had proved the sum to be only equal to your necessary expenses. Yet it was like human nature in its best estate to be annoyed by such inquiries. The Committee were highly gratified by your replies, & thank you for the information so frankly communicated.

The Committee found no difficulty in fixing your salary in the manner proposed by your letter. The following Resolutions are copied from the Records of their last meeting.

"Resolved, — That the annual allowance to a single Male Missionary of the Board in Ceylon, in ordinary circumstances, be one hundred pounds sterling, to include the expense of horse hire, & other conveyances, except on journeys authorized by the Mission.

2. That the annual allowance to a married Missionary be one hundred & fifty pounds sterling. to include the expense of horse hire & other conveyances, except on journeys authorized by the Mission.

3. That the annual allowance for each child under five years of age be thirteen pounds sterling & a half; & for children over five years of age & under eighteen, sixteen pounds & one third.

4. That a widower, without children, receive the same as a single Male Missionary.

5. That a widow, without children, receive an annual allowance of seventy five pounds Stg.; it being competent with the Mission to alter the allowance in any case of necessity.

6. That a widow, with children, receive the same as a widow without children, her children each receiving the allowance provided for children in the third of these resolutions; it being competent with the Mission to alter the allowance in any case of necessity.

7. That a widower, with children, receive the same as a widower without children, or a single male Missionary; his children each receiving the allowance provided for children in the third of these resolutions.

8. That extra allowances be made for house rent, if rent is paid; for repairs, &c if not; for postage of public letters & journals; for journeys performed by direction or consent of the Mission; and for Medical

aid; provided that all allowances of the kind be regulated by votes of the Mission."

Should further experience require any modification in this arrangement for your salaries, the Committee will gladly attend to your wishes on the subject.

With regard to your Children who are sent to this country, it will be desirable for the Treasurer of the Mission to mention the sum which will remain due to the Child after his arrival in this country, according to the plan agreed to by the Board some years since — as well the Children who have been sent home, as those who shall be hereafter.

We sent the books requested by Mr Poor & Mr Woodward. It was my intention, had I not been disabled, to have compared the catalogue of your library in Ceylon with the list of recent publications, to see if there are not other books it would be worth while to send you. I have made a few additions to Mr Poor's list, and in a few cases have substituted one book for another; as for instance, Robinsons Pitt Dictionary for another far inferior to it in respect to sound learning, judgement, and accuracy. Mr. Spaulding some time since made the general request that new books of reference might be sent him. I have the Memorandum by me, and designed to attend to it. I should, however, be much obliged if Mr. Spaulding would be more explicit & name the books if he has any particular ones in view.

The following letters have been received from the Mission since the date of my last Viz. —

Joint letter dated August 24th. 1832.

Do. — — Oct. 13th 1832.

Mr. Meigs; duplicate of March 8th 1832.

Do. August 21st 1832.

Mr. Poor; Journal from Jan. to March 1832.

Do from April to June

Do. from July to Sept.
Letter dated August 28th
Dr. Scudder; address to physicians dated Nov 10th
Journal from May to Sept
Mr. Spaulding; dates April 30th Sept 30th Dec 3d. 1832.
Mr. Woodward; date Oct. 1st 1832.
Mettewin's Journal
Mr. Winslow; Journal from April to July 1832.
Letters dated Aug 30th Sept 5th Oct 9th & 7th Dec 4th & Nov 28th.
Article from the Columbia Journal.
Rev. Mr. Winckler's Letter.
Memorandums of your personal history.

I have just received a letter from Mr. Hallock informing me that the Tract Society have made you another grant of eighteen hundred dollars. He, no doubt, has written you upon the subject. You will see the importance of taking immediate measures for securing their approval of a suitable number of Tracts. Meanwhile you need not wait for their approbation of any of the Tracts you may wish to publish. They will probably approve of all; but should they not, the expense of the rejected Tracts will come out of the treasury of the Board. You will do well to mention the time of their publication, as perhaps the Tract Society, on approving them may be willing to pay them to its own account, in case they were printed subsequently to its grant.

Permit me to repeat a request, which, I believe, I have heretofore made, and which I now make by direction of the Committee, that you will enclose the letters you write to the Bible & Tract Societies unsealed to the Rooms, or else send us copies of them by the same conveyance; especially when they contain any information of importance, not found in your letters to us. It is exceeding desirable that the Committee be able to make

communications to the Bible & Tract Societies, without the risk of discrepancies being found upon a comparison of our communications with yours. I wrote you under dates of March 16th and April 26th Ult.o —

The names of the brethren who go to your aid, are William Todd, Samuel Hutchings, Henry R. Hoisington, George H. Apthorp, and James Read Eckard, ordained ministers, and Nathan Ward, M. D. — Their Instructions have been drawn up under many disadvantages, but are now ready to be submitted to the prudential Committee. They are to be delivered on Sabbath Evening.

Providence, for wise reasons I have not a doubt, forbids me the pleasure of being present on that occasion. I am spending the Summer in Dorchester with my family, & but for a visit which I hope to receive from my brethren & sisters this afternoon, I should scarcely see them at all before their embarkation. The Lord spare them many years, and make them greatly useful among the heathen.

Desiring to be affectionately remembered to all your partners in life, I am, Dear Brethren,

Your brother & fellow laborer,

R. Anderson Sec.y of the A.B.C.F.M.

Dorchester, Mass.
June 28. 1833 (Postscript at the bottom of the page)

June 28. 1833

Sent a Duplicate of a letter to the Missionaries of Ceylon dated March 16. 1833. by Ship Israel.

P.S. June 29. — I have seen all our Missionary brethren and sisters who go in the Israel, except Mr. & Mrs. Todd; & cannot but rejoice that so amiable and promising a company are

going to your help. Mr. & Mrs. Eckard, I am sorry to say, have not arrived and will not go with the the rest, not having time to make the preparations which they regard as necessary. —

The Chief object I have in view in this postscript is to say, that care should be taken not to give the opinions of your friendly and excellent governor too much weight in your deliberations, especially with regard to extending your operations among the Cingalese in the central part of the Island. The field which Providence has pointed out for us appears to be the Tamul race in Jaffna and on the neighboring continent. Governors are liable to be changed, and the opinions and policy of the government to change with them. Besides I think it probable, though I may be mistaken, that English Missionary Societies might feel a stronger objection to our going into the interior of Ceylon, than to our extending our operations to the coast of Coromandel. The former would be commencing a new mission; the latter merely enlarging an old one.

To the Brethren of the
Bombay Mission.

Dear Brethren

Providence permitted me to be overturned in the stage last week, and one of the bones of my right arm to be broken. Of course I am unable to write except with the aid of an amanuensis, and must write with brevity when I designed to have written you at considerable length.

Mr Allen is the bearer of this letter. You will be somewhat surprised, which you will rejoice,

to find him returning so soon. He returns unmarried, and with reference to a specific object, which will be explained to you by his Instructions. We cannot but regard it as demanding our grateful acknowledgements to God, that Mr Allen is able & disposed to return as he does. It is the result of his own spontaneous suggestion & offer. Indeed it was impossible to visit N. York, and attend the Anniversary meetings of the Bible & Tract Societies, without being convinced of the importance of making an extraordinary effort to expand the appropriations made by those societies to your Mission. Those of the Bible Society now amount to $8,000, and those of the Tract Society, I believe, to upwards of $2,000, a thousand dollars having been appropriated during the present month; and these appropriations are but the beginning of a series, which will progressively increase, and cannot be arrested without violence and injury to the cause. Necessity is laid upon us to print and distribute Bibles & Tracts to a far greater extent among the heathen, than we have been accustomed to do heretofore. This is what we have long desired, but we are at last taken somewhat by surprise. The only course for us is to rally our forces, and looking to God for help, exert ourselves to the utmost. Sickness & death have so weakened your Mission, that we shall exert ourselves ~~to the utmost~~ procure for you a number of new helpers, possessing the qualifications which you desire. Mr. Allen goes out on the present plan for the term of four years, expecting & intending to devote the greater part of his time to the distribution of the Holy Scriptures & religious Tracts among the Mahratta people; — not

indeed to the exclusion of any other member of the Mission from similar services; but this will be his special and appropriate duty; to which his other duties, as a member of the Mission, will be made to give place as far as possible. He will of course confer with his brethren of the Mission, keep them fully informed of his proceedings, and acquaint them with the results of his enquiries and labors. He will also regularly transmit to the Missionary Rooms, for the use of the Committee and to be preserved on their files, an abstract of his journal.

The enclosed Resolutions of the Committee, on the subject of Mahratta translations of the Scriptures, will put you in the way, doubtless, of making a satisfactory arrangement with the Aux. Bible Society of Bombay. For further information upon the subject I must refer you to Mr. Allen. Mr Graves is revising the New Testament & will send us a copy by the first opportunity. The enclosed resolutions were submitted to him before they were adopted by the Committee. I did not understand him as offering any objection to them whatever. We hope the Bombay Society will lose no time in making such arrangements as will furnish your mission with all the copies which can be properly disposed of.

I must also refer you to Mr Allen for information on the subject of religious tracts; only requesting that translations of tracts which you desire to publish at the expense of the Am. Tr. Soc., may be sent to this country as soon as may be practicable. The press, however, need not wait a moment for the decision of that society. You can go on printing the tracts which are desirable for distribution

just as if they had been approved by that Society; and should it turn out in any case, (which is not probable) that the Tract Soc. refuses to approve the Tract the Board will defray the expense of it. In all cases, however, give the dates of publication, as I cannot help believing that the Tract Soc. will allow Tracts to be charged to its account, if it shall sanction them, provided they are printed subsequent to the dates of appropriation unexpended. But, as Mr Allen understands this subject fully, I need not enlarge.

Your recommendation with regard to Corresponding members, will be remembered at the next annual meeting of the Board. I see no reason why the appointments should not be made, nor why the three Corresponding Members should not be constituted, (what indeed, they would be virtually) a committee of Correspondence in reference to the Prudential Committee. Nor have I heard any objection made to their being an advisory committee in respect to the Mission. One of the Bye-laws of the Board, which it would not be expedient to alter, does not allow the Committee to sanction the arrangement proposed in the first article of the Code of laws which you submitted to their revision.

Mr. Allen will explain to you how far the Committee have had proceedings on the subject of your Bye-laws & regulations.

My last letter was dated March 16th and was sent by way of Calcutta in the Ship America. By that conveyance I forwarded a printed Circular containing enquiries, which I hope you will be able to answer very fully. I enclose another copy in

in this letter.

You may be assured, Dear Brethren, that we feel an unabated interest in your welfare, and in the prosperity of your Mission. We pray God to impart his Holy Spirit unto you all abundantly, to give unto you all needed strength & grace, and to crown your labors with great success.

The fact to which I referred at the commencement of this letter, and the necessity I am under of writing several letters to individuals, (this being Saturday and the Ship to sail next Monday morning,) oblige me to bring this letter to a close. Four Clergymen, a physician, and their wives, are to embark in the Ship for Ceylon, and it is some trial to my feelings to be denied the privilege of seeing them away; but I am unable to go into town at present. What a consolation it is to know that all events are ordered by an infinitely wise & merciful God. May you, Beloved Brethren, have daily experience of that consolation; & desiring to be affectionately remembered to your partners, I am your brother & fellow laborer.

R. Anderson Sec. pro
A.B.C.F.M.

Dorchester Mass.
June 29. 1833

P.S. I will thank you to furnish the Secretary of the Aux. Bib. Soc. of Bombay with a copy of the enclosed Resolutions concerning translations

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Rev. Wm. Ramsey
Bombay

Dorchester June 29 1833

Dear Brother

I am sorry that you received the impression from my letters that we did not fully credit your statement on the subject of the unhappy

differences of feeling between some members of the mission. We did credit it entirely & thought it very proper in you to communicate the information however painful it might be to us. Painful it certainly was and has been. The reason why I did not refer to it in my letter to you was, that though it was proper for you to communicate the information it seemed more proper to refer to the facts in the general letter to the mission than in a letter to an individual. I ought perhaps to have stated in the general letter from whence the information was obtained. The Com^tee think it highly important that they should be informed whenever misunderstandings exist in a mission, & it is not found practicable to remove them without their intervention. The Com^tee entirely approve of your communicating this information, & from the first have attributed it to a desire on your part to promote the peace of the mission. I regret that you should have felt any unnecessary pain in consequence of this discharge of your duty.

You perceive I am writing this by an amanuensis having had the misfortune the past week to be overturned in the stage and break one of the bones of my right arm. For this reason and because it was not decided till yesterday that Mr. Allen should return in the vessel which is to sail on Monday, I am obliged to write you with greater brevity than I could wish. You and the mission will rejoice in his speedy return and will no doubt approve of the plan which has been marked out for his labors for several years to come.

There is a sentence in your letter of Nov. 20 1832 to which I am directed by the Com^tee to advert. It is this, "I hope I shall be excused for not writing to the Rooms as my mind is fully made up under existing circumstances, not to send any thing to the Rooms, which I wish to see in print."

The Com^tee wished me to say to you, that they could not help regarding such a stand as this

if persevered in by a missionary, as a serious deduction from the duty he owes to the Board. You will easily see how disastrous would be the effect upon your mission should all the brethren adopt the same resolution. I will not enlarge upon this subject nor will it be necessary for you to advert to it again in case you do not see sufficient reason for maintaining the objectionable stand you have taken in the sentence above quoted. We are desirous of having as few unpleasant subjects enter our correspondence as possible. They tend to draw off the mind from the animating contemplation of that great object to which all our energies should be consecrated.

You wrote to Mr. Hill under a misapprehension with regard to the infant school cards to which a valuation was annexed according to usage in the Invoice and also with regard to a donation of $50 from Mr. Grant's society in Phila. The whole procuring was perfectly regular, as Mr. Hill will no doubt explain to you.

We have been pained by the affliction you have been called to suffer in the death of a beloved child. We hear also that Mrs. Ramsey's health is by no means good. May that be demonstrated to you which is no doubt the fact that these afflictions are intended by our gracious Lord as distinguished mercies though they come sadly disguised. The Lord reigns my Dear Brother in Bombay, though the heathen may rage & the people imagine vanity.

Time does not permit me to enlarge except to desire an affectionate remembrance to Mrs R. & to assure you of my affection & esteem

R Anderson

Rev David O Allen } Missionary Room, Boston June 29 1833
of the Bombay mission }

Rev and dear sir

The following proceedings were had at a meeting of the Prudential Com^tee of the A. B. C. F. M. held yesterday.

[Had were inserted the resolutions relating to Mr. Allen, except the one allowing him $100]

On account of Mr. Anderson's present affliction & of the absence of Mr. Greene, it devolves on me to give some hints, of the character of instructions, by which you will regulate yourself in performing the duties assigned you in the above resolutions. And my circumstances at this time, with which you are acquainted, compel me to be very brief in giving these hints.

You will endeavor to render your missionary experience as useful, on the voyage, to the missionary company with which you sail, going to reinforce the mission in Ceylon. If the vessel touches as it is hoped she will, at Point Pedro, you will there leave the vessel with the other missionaries. You will remain in Ceylon only so long as may be requisite to render your visit there profitable to the mission with which you are connected. With this view you will make yourself acquainted, by personal inquiry & inspection, with the methods of proceeding in their missionary work pursued by the brethren at Ceylon, especially with their organization & mode of conducting schools. If the vessel in which you sail lands you & your fellow passengers at Madras, you will aid them, as you shall be able, in getting comfortable accommodations while in that place, & in obtaining a favorable conveyance to Ceylon. You will determine, whether you shall go with them to Ceylon or proceed directly from Madras to Bombay by land or water as shall be found best, according to the judgment you shall form on the

spot as to which of the two plans of proceeding will be of the greatest ultimate advantage to your mission.

Upon your arrival at Bombay, you will report yourself to the mission, and communicate to them the proceedings of the Com^tee in relation to your return and your future employment in the Mahratta country. You are to sustain the same relations to the mission as heretofore; and your allowance is to be paid from the treasury of the mission, agreeably to the principle stated in the second of the above votes. You will also, as soon as practicable, communicate to the mission, & to the Bombay Auxiliary Bible Society, the resolutions of the Prudential Com^tee on the 19th inst. in relation to the editions of the Scriptures to be prepared under the auspices of that society according to the principles stated in their fourteenth Report; & you will make it a special objection to aid in the accomplishment of the plans of that society developed in the Report referred to. You will, as soon as practicable, enter upon the important work to engage in which you now return to the field of your missionary labors; & this, at least during the four succeeding years, you will principally devote yourself, as health and other things will admit; not, however, to the exclusion of all other missionary work; nor to the exclusion from this, of other missionaries. Circumstances now require that the attention of all the missionaries should be more particularly & efficiently directed to the preparation & circulation of the Scriptures, & religious tracts, than heretofore. But this is to be at least for the time above specified, your appropriate & principal work. In prosecuting it you will have special regard to the preservation of your health. You will regulate your proceedings by events and circumstances as they shall present and

develope themselves in the progress of the service. You will form your plans and provide for their execution in full confidence that the liberality of the American Bible & Tract Societies, & of the Christian public in the United States as operating through those institutions, and applied to unevangelized countries, will continue & increase, so that the whole world shall, as soon as possible, be supplied with instruction from the press in the things of God.

You go, dear Brother, on a most important, but a hazardous errand; one in executing which your health & life will be peculiarly exposed. But you are satisfied that your call to it is of God. Feel continually a cheerful confidence that he will guide & bless you in it. And when you cease, whether by death or otherwise, from its exposure, & toils, & pleasures, may you have the joyful assurance that the approbation of God has attended you, & that your self denying labor has not been in vain.

In behalf of the Prudential Comte

Rev. Cyprus Stone } Dorchester June 29 1833
Bombay } Dear Brother

I do not find any letter from you on my files which are unanswered & as I have a broken right arm just now & have to write by dictation, which I am unaccustomed to & besides have but little time at command before Mr. Allen sails, I am obliged to be very brief. I rejoice in your good health & that of Mrs. Stone and your children, but am sorry to hear that Miss Hanna's health is not good. As I understand she resides in your house, I beg you will remember me affectionately to her & ask her to write me particularly concerning

health, her labors in the schools, &c.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Boggs has gone to Ahmedunggur. We have a very favorable opinion of Mr. Sampson's qualifications as a printer & hope in due time to hear that he has taken strong hold of his work. He expected to be detained a few months at Calcutta. I trust that you will all approve of the plan which has been sketched by the Com^e for Mr. Allen's labors for three or four years to come. The plan & the reasons for it are described in the general letter to the mission, addressed to Mr Ramsey & in Mr. Allen's instructions, both of which will of course be laid before the mission. You will all need to exert yourselves to the utmost to secure a speedy expenditure of the grants made by the Bible & Tract Societies to your mission, and at the same time give proper attention to the other departments of your work. Oh that the Holy Spirit would be pleased to vouchsafe to you all his gracious assistance.

With regard to the misunderstanding which we have known for some time to exist in the mission, an account having been transmitted by Mr. Ramsey as long ago as August 1831 there can be no doubt that they ought to cease. I know not that Mr. Allen has imparted, or that he is able to impart new information of any importance on the subject except that our conversations with him have tended to confirm the Com^ee in the belief that their previous impressions were substantially correct. It is due to Mr. Allen to say that he has been reserved on this subject, perhaps not too much so. You will all feel that whatever be the cause of these difficulties, & they appear to be too numerous for me to specify at this time, the difficulties ought to be speedily removed. To bring about this result so much to be desired it will

obviously be necessary that every member of the mission form a good resolution on the subject. The mission ought not to have too many rules for the government of its members, but whatever rules obtain the sanction of the majority, ought to be scrupulously observed by all. Undoubtedly this principle is fundamental & is essential to the good understanding & happiness of all communities. It is obvious that the right you have mentioned of selling books imported from this country & of disposing of the profits as an individual has been the source of much unhappy feeling in the mission. The letter of inquiry you wrote on the subject to Mr. Hill has been read to the Com^ee and they are decidedly of opinion that the practice is inconsistent with the resolution to which you refer in the letter & which has now become one of the Bylaws of the Board.

You are the only one, my dear Brother, in the mission who has not responded to the resolution of the Com^tee, desiring information whether you had acquired property since joining the mission; and if so to what extent previous to the granting of salaries to the members of the mission at the close of the last year. We did not know till Mr. Allen informed us that the members of the mission all considered themselves as virtually receiving salaries before that time, or as having a right to dispose of any surplus remaining of their stipend at the end of the year, as if it were their own. The Com^tee regarded you as entitled to your actual expenses & no more. The object of the resolution was to ascertain whether the receipts were an equivalent for the actual & necessary expenses. If the information sought by the resolution is not communicated, the Com^tee have no means of shewing what the salaries are based upon,

a correct estimation of the actual expenses as shown by the previous experience of the missionaries. I presume your silence on the subject was through of an oversight. & that in your next you will advert particularly to the subject.

I should like much to enlarge in a strain more agreeable to my own feelings & yours, but my time & strength are both exhausted. Guard, my dear brother against a secular spirit. Be kind & gentle towards all your brethren, and determine to know nothing among them but Jesus Christ & him crucified.

The same I would say with all possible earnestness to all the brethren. My wife desires affectionate regards to Mrs. S. & I remain your brother & fellow labourer.

R Anderson

Rev. Messrs Read & Boggs
Ahmednuggur

Dorchester June 29 1833

Dear Brethren

Having a broken night arm & very little time remaining & being wearied with a long course of dictation, I can only say a few words at this time. For information on various subjects I must refer you to the general letter, to Mr. Allen's instructions, to the Miss Y. Hearts, & to Mr. Allen himself who returns immediately to Bombay. We regretted to hear that Mrs Boggs had gone to Ahmednuggur, & were grieved to learn that Mrs. Boggs had been so seriously ill on her voyage & that the health of Mrs. Read had become so much impaired. May the Lord bless all your arrangements for the advancement of his cause, sanctify all your afflictions and give you all strength to serve him many years on earth.

It was with no ordinary satisfaction we heard of the blessing of God on your labors among the poor. Perhaps there may now only the drops preceding a plentiful shower.

We shall endeavor to obtain a ~~suitable~~ number of suitable men to send to your mission, but have not yet any one in view.

I am sorry to send you so few lines, but if I am allowed to recover the use of my right arm, I will write you more. Meanwhile desiring an interest in your prayers & that I may be affectionately remembered to your partners, I am your brother & fellow laborer.

R Anderson

To the Missionaries of different Societies residing at Madras, Christian brethren

The Rev. Mess. Wm Todd, Henry R. Hoisington, Samuel Hutchings, & Geo. H Apthorp & Nathan Nathan Ward, M D. missionaries of the A. B. C. F. M. are on the point of proceeding from this place to India, in the ship Israel bound to Madras. They are destined to our Ceylon mission & the ship engages to leave them if possible at Point Pedro in Jaffna. But it may be necessary to carry them to Madras, in which case allow me to commend them & their wives to your kind advice and christian attention, during the short time they may find it necessary to remain with you.

Praying the Lord to bless your labors abundantly I am your brother and fellow laborer in the Gospel

R Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston
June 29 1833

Note. In consequence of the general letter to the Bombay Mission dated June 29. 1833. not being sent by Ship Israel as intended, a duplicate was forwarded by way of Constantinople enclosed in a letter to Rev. Wm. Goodell which follows. ——

Rev. William Goodell,
Constantinople.

My Dear Brother

It is of special importance that the enclosed reach Bombay as soon as possible. Mr. Smith says it may be sent by a Tartar from Constantinople to Bagdad and Bussorah, and from thence find a speedy conveyance to Bombay. I beg you will have the goodness to send it by the first opportunity.

We are all pretty well, except that I had the misfortune to be overturned in the stage about a fortnight since by which means my right arm was disabled. One of the bones was broken, but I hope soon to have the use of my hand again. How easily might the blow have been attended with fatal consequences and how important that we and our work be in readiness for so solemn an event as death.

Desiring love to all, I am most affectionately Yours

R. Anderson

Mr. Titus Coan,
Auburn N. York.

My Dear Brother,

Yours of the 29th Ult. was rec.d this morning, and the purport of it gave me much joy. I trust you will never have occasion to

regret the decision you have been enabled to make; and that both you and your intended wife will hereafter find it an occasion of joy and of gratitude to God.

There is always a degree of uncertainty as to the time when vessels will actually sail. They often go at the time specified, and perhaps still oftener do not go till some days after. We have to make our arrangements, however, for the time that is specified. The time named to us by Mr. Burrows was the last of July, by which time, he said, the missionaries must be prepared to sail from New York. I will write to him immediately, to ascertain whether the time of sailing will be delayed; if so, and you will let me know where a letter a letter will meet you on the road, I will inform you. On further reflection, I think you had better come by the way of New York city, see Mr. George M. Tracy, our Agent, 148 Nassau St., and ascertain through him at what time you and Mr. Ames must be in New York. If you need money for your expenses on the way Mr. Tracy will supply you. And first impression was that the ordination must take place on Sabbath evening the 21st inst. the arrangement must stand so until we hear more from New York. Should it be found expedient or proper to defer the Ordination till the 28th, (which I must desire on my own account) I will endeavor to let Mr. Tracy know in season, so that you may have time to visit your parents on your way to Boston. You will be examined by Council preparatory to ordination in the afternoon of Saturday.

Do not fail to bring with you a Certificate as to the place of your birth, from some Notary Public, or at least some Justice of the Peace.

It will be desirable that some one, competent to testify upon the fact under oath. The object of this certificate will be to procure you a passport from the Governor of this Commonwealth.

Your outfit will be rather peculiar, and we will attend to it in Boston. We shall wish you to be with us as many as 4 or 5 days, including the sabbath. You will no doubt be able to see your parents on your way to or from Boston.

There are prudential reasons in favor of saying but little about your mission to the public just now. They respect the Roman Catholics and Government of Chili.

I had the misfortune to be overturned in the Stage since I wrote you, and am suffering the consequences of a broken bone in the arm with which I am accustomed to write.

But praying the Lord to bless you, I am sincerely and truly yours,

R. Anderson Secy pro tem
A.B.C.F.M.

Dorchester, Mass.
July 5. 1833

See Postscript to the above, page 335

P.S. Address me as usual at the Missionary Rooms, Boston.

Instructions of the Prudential Committee To the Rev. Messrs. William Todd, Samuel Hutchings, Henry R. Hoisington, George H. Apthorp, and James Richard Eckard, and Doctor Nathan Ward, appointed to the Mission in Ceylon.

Dear Brethren,

A kind Providence having removed the obstructions which have so long prevented our reinforcing the Ceylon Mission, you are about to embark, with your wives, to that interesting field. A passage has been engaged for you on board the Ship Israel, Capt Bray and you are to be landed, if possible,

at Point Pedro in the District of Jaffna, not far from the seat of the Mission; or, should that be impracticable; you will, by favor of Providence, be conveyed to Madras, the most desirable place of landing for you on the neighboring continent. It is now fourteen years since the Indus sailed from Boston, with the last company sent to the Ceylon mission. May your brotherly love towards each other, your spiritual zeal, your influence on those that sail with you, your entrance among the heathen, your fidelity, patience, & success, be like theirs; yea, & may far greater blessings abound towards you. It is with no common feelings of satisfaction, and yet of solicitude, dear brethren, that the Committee send you forth to your contemplated field. From the beginning, so far as is known, to the Committee the harmony of this Mission has never been disturbed by a discordant note among its members. It is due, also, to the mission to say, and is important for you to know, that no instance is recollected, in which the correspondence of its members with the executive officers of the Board has not been such, in respect both to manner and spirit, as to entitle it to the approbation of the Committee. Such a mission is a delightful object of contemplation. See that you, do not mar the beauty of the scene. Having some knowledge of human nature, the Committee dare not hope that you will preserve this unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, except as you shall be sustained by the grace of God. May he impart unto you that grace abundantly; so shall your peace be as a river, and your righteousness as the waves of the sea.

As a foundation for the specific instructions, to be given you the Committee will first explain to you

very briefly the various objects of a general nature, which come within the range of duty devolving on the Board, as a Society charged with missions to the unevangelized nations.

Our field of operation embraces Pagans, Mahommedans, & Jews as our main object; but the remains of the oriental churches are also necessarily included, as, in their present state of spiritual corruption and degradation, they are almost insuperable barriers between us and the Mahommedans. — In the cultivation of this great field, the Board may be regarded

I. As an <u>educating Society</u>. — Nearly all the females, and the greater part of the males, among the hundreds of millions yet to be blessed with the Gospel, are unable to read; and our work will be done at an immense disadvantage, if we are restricted to mere oral instructions. Indeed it cannot be accomplished in this way. While the gospel is preached to the people, they must be taught to read the written word of God. Considering the number to be instructed, this department of labor is of vast extent. And schools ought every where to form an integral part of missionary operations: they ought to be established by missionaries, and to exist under their immediate superintendence and direction.

But it is not enough, in these schools, to impart the mere ability to read. The Gospel speaks to the heart through the medium of the understanding. We ought, therefore, to cultivate the understanding. Now, throughout all the uneducated & benighted parts of the world, and to an extent of which we in this country have no adequate conception, the mind of man is unthinking. Sin has darkened & paralized it. We aim to rouse it to action. To this end we not only teach it to read, but to record its thoughts, and reciprocate them with other minds, by means of writing. P. habituate it to regularity and

accuracy of thinking, as well as to fit it for the transaction of ordinary business, we teach it Arithmetic.

By means of geography, we lead it over the world; and into the heavens by means of Astronomy; and so give it expanded & elevated views. The Sandwich Islander heretofore regarded his little islands as forming no inconsiderable portion of the earth: we have taught him his mistake. The Hindoo believes that the world is a plain, and stationary, while only the heavens above are in motion. He is taught so by his religion: and hence he is almost as much opposed to our astronomy, as he is to our religion, & for the same reason. It is a singular & instructive fact, that the heart of the disciple of Brahma is as really opposed to the doctrines of Copernicus, as to those of the Bible, because both are arrayed against his favorite notions in religion. And it is no small advantage, which the God of heaven is giving us in these latter days, and which we enjoy more & more as knowledge increases upon the earth, that truth is shining out from all her sources of light upon the darkness of the world, and making manifest its abominations. It is seen more & more, that all truth is related, and all error, and that they are opposed to each other as day is to night; and that all truth is of God, in whatever volume of his works it be found, whether of nature, providence, or grace. In heathen lands, now that heathenism has had time to work out its natural results, you will find the light of truth extinguished on most subjects, and very few correct ideas of any kind remaining. You will find error entwined in error — errors of all kinds, and in respect to almost all subjects — connected & mutually dependent, like the parts of some ancient and

stupendous and, now hastening to decay. We do wisely, therefore, to attack the system as a whole — to assail it at all points — and, while our main dependence, under God, is upon the gospel as the grand means of his grace, to make use of any advantages which God has pleased to give us. — Hence in our schools among the heathen, we teach not only reading and writing, and doctrines & duties of Christianity, but also, as far as possible, the elementary principles of arithmetic, geography, astronomy, & other sciences; endeavoring to make them subservient to the better understanding & appreciation of the Gospel.

Our department of education, however, includes more than mere elementary schools for, in general, our schools must be instructed by natives of the country, and these we must educate for the purpose. For these we have High Schools, where a more liberal education is bestowed. Into these we gather a select number of the more promising youth, giving preference, of course, to such as are pious, or seriously disposed, and endeavor, relying on divine aid, to furnish them thoroughly for their good work.

Nor can we stop here; but, selecting a certain number from among the more pious & promising of our native youth, we educate them for preachers of the gospel. To them we give as thorough & comprehensive an education as possible; for by no ministers of the gospel can it be more needed.

Thus is it one of the great objects of the Board to establish Christian Schools & Seminaries, and to diffuse the blessings of a Christian education, in all the benighted portions of the world, to which its missions shall be extended; and in this point of view it may be regarded as an <u>educating Society</u>. —

It is, also, II. A <u>translating Society</u>. The first translation of the Scriptures into any language is almost always made by missionaries. Thus

it will be, and this it ought to be. Translations ought to be made by persons residing among the people for whom they are intended, and in the habit of frequent religious intercourse with them. There is reason to fear, however, that too large a proportion of missionaries, during the fifteen years past, have employed themselves in translating. "Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?" Every missionary should endeavor to understand his own particular gift & calling. But it is evident that, before the world can be supplied with the Bible, that volume must be translated into hundreds, if not into thousands, of languages & dialects, most of which do not yet contain a sentence of revealed truth. The translators, in the judgement of the Committee, ought to be members of the mission, or missions, which have it in charge to preach the gospel in the field for which the version is intended. At the same time, it is undeniable that the translating of the Scriptures should, in some way, be made to assume more distinctness than it has hitherto in the view of the churches, as a department of missionary labor. Again,

III. The Board is a <u>book-printing Society</u>. —

Throughout the great field we are to cultivate, we shall scarcely find a book adapted to our use in any one department of our labor. Bible & Tract Societies may be expected to furnish the means for printing the greater part of the Bibles, tracts, & books on practical religion, which we shall need hereafter; but at present there is no institution to supply us with books for our schools. These we need in great & increasing numbers, & the Board is under the necessity of printing them at the expense of its own treasury. Taking the whole field into view,

this department alone is one of amazing extent. And what a vast variety of other work will be needed in the progress of the enterprise, as the world is learning to read, and think, and inquire!

IIII. Again: the Board is a book distributing Society. Every missionary of the Board is by his office, and by judgement & inclination, in fact an agent of Bible & Tract Societies for distributing Bibles & tracts. This is an essential part of his business. Were those Societies to send distributing agents of their own into the fields occupied by our missions, it would no more really be their duty to exert themselves to the utmost in distributing Bibles & suitable religious tracts among the people, than it is of all missionaries. Such agents would in fact, if not in name, be missionaries. They would have to go through precisely the same training for their work, and must in fact preach wherever they go to distribute the Scriptures & religious tracts or they would distribute them with comparatively little benefit. The distribution of the Scriptures and of religious tracts will be an important part of your duty, and one which will demand more & more of your attention, and zeal, as Bible & Tract Societies become more determined to prep the work of foreign supply. And auspicious will be the day, when the church no longer waits to be herself urged by missionaries to the performance of her duty to the heathen, but urges them onward in their work by the abundance of her supplies.

That there will not at a future time, be a call for such a division of labor as to require Bible & Tract Societies to send their own agents to distribute their respective publications in fields occupied by missionary Societies, the Committee by no means venture to affirm. At present there is evidently, no such necessity, nor does such a step now appear desirable. In general the missionary to the heathen

finds his most ~~preaching~~ favorable opportunities for preaching the gospel when he is distributing copies of the word of God, or of religious tracts. These opportunities he should seek, rather than avoid; and their number should be increased upon him, ~~to the~~ extent of his ability to meet them rather than diminished.

To say nothing, then, of the immense number of other books, besides the Scriptures & religious tracts, which must be distributed before our work is done among the heathen, it is easy to see that this department of labor is of itself immensely extensive and important.

V. Finally; The Board is preeminently a Society for preaching the Gospel. This is its primary and leading object. This enters into its whole system of operations, and is inseparable from every part. The preaching of the Gospel is the grand ordinance of heaven, in missions among the heathen, not less than in the congregations at home, for the conversion & sanctification of men. Regarded as an instrument of the grace of God, it gives efficacy to the schools, and all the other means of instruction. Every missionary of the Board is expected to spend much time in preaching the Gospel unless prevented by uncontrolable circumstances. The manner of it will be various; but every where his doctrine should drop as the rain, and his speech distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass. The Sabbath day will be especially devoted to preaching: but he should preach every day. He will, if possible, have a place or places consecrated to stated preaching; but should preach wherever he finds convenient opportunities, — in his own house, by the way side, in the market place, in the dwellings of the natives,

at their religious festivals, by the threshholds of their idol temples, in the mission schools, and always when distributing copies of the Scriptures & other religious books.

Thus various & extensive are the objects among the heathen, which claim the attention of the Board regarded as a Society for prosecuting foreign Missions; and these objects it is pursuing, to a greater or less extent, in its several missions.

The mission with which you, dear brethren, are to be connected, is singularly favored in respect to its location, its organization, & the progress it has made in its work. Consider

I. Its location remote from the pride & luxury of cities, & from the corruptions of foreign commerce, in the midst of villages scattered over a level & fertile surface, with a comparatively healthful climate.

Three hundred years ago, the Portuguese, then powerful in the East, divided this northern district of the island into parishes, and erected in them churches of coral. Dwelling houses & glebes were attached to the churches. For a hundred & fifty years, these churches were sustained by the papists and considerable number of the natives, in outward profession at least, embraced the religion of Rome. Yet the people do not appear to have been blessed with schools, or with the Holy Scriptures; and when the Portuguese were driven from the island by the Dutch, the churches fell into decay. Some of them were indeed repaired and occupied; but when the English gained possession of the maritime parts of the island, in 1795, only the walls of those edifices remained, and those were in a ruinous condition. The remains of these ecclesiastical establishments, with their glebes, in the five parishes occupied by our brethren were generously given by the English Government, for the use of the mission. Upon these "waste places", these "foundations

of many generations, have been reared the Stations of Batticotta, Tillipally, Oodooville, Panditerips, & Manepy. Two hundred thousand people dwell in the District, and eight or nine millions more, speaking the same language, are found on the neighboring coast of Coromandel, where Swartz & others have labored with so much success. Such is the field you are expecting to enter.

2 In organizing & conducting this Mission hitherto, reference has been had to the several objects which have been explained to you as forming the leading objects of the Board, excepting the translation of the Scriptures in the Tamul language, which had been accomplished by the labors of former missionaries. Soon after the commencement of the Mission, Free Schools were established in seven or eight parishes; and these have been gradually extended till their number is nearly a hundred, containing 3,500 Children, almost one fifth of whom are girls. And they have boarding Schools, which at one time, contained more than 200 youth; and a seminary, resembling a College, containing eighty Students; and a Theological class, for training native preachers for the service of the mission. There has also been a printing press in possession of this mission, which, however they were not for a time permitted to use. But this restraint is now removed. You take with you another press, types, & office-furniture. One of your number, who understands the business of printing will give his attention to this department, till the necessity for his doing so is superseded by the arrival of a printer, to be devoted to that service; whom the Committee hope to be able to send in the course of the present year. Thus the Mission will be furnished with ample means of multiplying books to an extent commensurate with the wants of the people.

3. In contemplating the progress of the Mission, the attentive observer cannot fail to be impressed with the nature of that progress. Comparing it with that of the Mission at the Sandwich Islands, we see a marked difference. In the opinion of the Committee, God has been pleased greatly to bless the efforts of both missions. At the Sandwich Islands He early called into his kingdom the more influential chiefs of the nation. Through them, a powerful influence was exerted upon the people. Changes were effected, sudden, extensive, national and remarkable. Free course was opened for the gospel at all the islands, and the nation has become nominally christian. At the same time, nothing can be more obvious and certain, than that the apparent change at the islands, is greater than the real change; and the danger is imminent that, before the people can be properly instructed in the nature of the gospel, there will be a reaction unfavorable to knowledge and piety. In Ceylon, the progress has been gradual and unobtrusive, but constant, and the real & apparent progress is the same. The foundation is laid deep, and reaction is scarcely possible. Trusting in God, we have only to continue the use of means as we have begun, increasing their power and extending them through the community, and with confidence and joy may we venture to anticipate the result. The population of Jaffna & of the Sandwich Islands is nearly equal, and the experiments which are now making in those two portions of the world, by missionaries of similar education, character, & habits, are of the greatest interest and importance.

But these general remarks can be pursued no farther. You will remember the advice

you have received in personal intercourse with the Committee, in respect to your conduct during the voyage. On your arrival, you will pay all due respect to the officers of government, and to the laws, and will always bear in mind the scriptural injunctions on this subject. Use great circumspection in your conduct & conversation. You are not political reformers, but missionaries of the cross of Christ. The government of Ceylon appears to feel a deep interest in the prosperity of the mission, and the Committee earnestly enjoin upon you to avoid if possible, every step which would weaken that confidence. Your brethren, who have gone before you have been long in the field & their opinions & advice will be entitled to most deference. Consult them freely on all subjects of any practical importance relating to the mission. The Committee can not do better, than to refer the assignment of your particular locations entirely to them. The Mission will, doubtless, be extended and a branch will probably be formed upon the neighboring continent; & it will be necessary that you cultivate a disposition to go and reside wherever you can do most for the glory of God & the good of men.

The Committee caution you against an error, into which missionaries are liable to fall on newly entering a field previously under cultivation, the error of criticising the plans of their elder brethren before they have had time to understand their merits, & forming & expressing hasty opinions concerning the mission. The error may occasion great evil, especially if these opinions are communicated in correspondence with friends at home. How obvious it is that years must elapse before you will be as well able to judge of the actual progress of Christianity

among the people, as your brethren are who have spent a third part of their lives upon the ground. Beware of a spirit of innovation. Beware of hasty expedients. Let the voice of experience be listened to in all the deliberations of your meetings for business. Especially, be anxious by means of patient & prayerful investigation of the word of God, to know the mind of the Spirit: "that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will, in all wisdom & spiritual understanding."

By becoming missionaries of the Board, you come under obligation to observe all its laws & regulations, and to conform to all the instructions of the Prudential Committee; it being understood, of course, that they shall not be at variance with the principles of the Gospel: and by becoming members of the Ceylon Mission, you engage that the bye-laws and resolutions of the mission shall govern your conduct. Your obligations will not be the less because the bye-laws were made before you entered the field. Unless disapproved by the Committee, or rescinded by the vote of the majority of the mission, they will be binding upon you while you remain in the mission. The order & efficiency of our system would soon be impaired, without a careful observance of the rules by which that system is formed. It is also desirable that you sedulously cultivate those habits of simplicity & economy, which are deemed so important for missionaries by the great body of your patrons. The duty is imperative; and in India, especially, where almost all foreign example is adverse to it, you will need to be fortified by a double guard. The mere fact that you are missionaries will not shield you from the force of temptation. You are men, sanctified (but in part), and have like passions with other men. But how important that those passions be restrained & subdued; and that, in your style of living, your daily deportment, and the whole course of your lives, you show to all around you that you are pilgrims & strangers on earth, seeking a better country, walking by faith, and not by sight. There is danger that as the liberality of the church increases, missionaries, and their directors, will relax in their economy. This ought

not to be. A perishing world cries out against it. May God in his infinite mercy prevent it. It will be incumbent on you and your associates to see that the liberal appropriations of our Bible & Tract Societies are expended with the least possible delay and in accordance with the intention of those Societies. With this view you & your brethren previously in the Mission will be expected as already intimated to direct special attention to the circulation of the Scriptures & of religious tracts. You will also keep the Societies just named informed with regard to the manner in which their Benefactions are applied, and the extent to which their aid is desirable. Circumstances well known to you do not allow the Committee at this time to go into a more distinct specification of your duties. What has been said will suffice for an outline, & will show that your work is great & cannot be performed without constant aid from on high. Dear Brethren, be admonished, & humbled by the thought that you are public characters. You are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. When far off among the heathen, you will be in danger of ~~losing~~ losing the impression of this fact; but any great delinquency in your conduct as missionaries will almost certainly become known to multitudes, both of the friends & enemies of Christ. How ought you, therefore, to run with patience the race set before you! How ought you to live, & labor & pray! Especially ought you to be constrained to union among yourselves, & faithfulness in your work, by a consideration of the love of Christ, and by a belief in his presence to observe, sustain, assist, & bless his servants in heathen lands. Be faithful unto death; then will you rejoice that you bade adieu, to parents, & relatives & native land, on the great errand of love on which the Committee affectionately send you.

In behalf & by order of the Prudential Committee,

B. B. Wisner
R. Anderson } Secretaries
David Greene

Boston Missionary Room
June 27. 1833

Postscript to the above Page 386.

Hon. Edw. Livingston } July 6. 1833.
Sec. of State }
Wrote requesting a Passport for Rev. Eli Smith to go to Malta & elsewhere. R. A.

Missionary Rooms, Boston.
July 6. 1833

Dear Sir,

It gives me great pleasure to be able to inform you, that we have at length succeeded in procuring two young Clergymen for the Mission to Patagonia, and that there is every prospect of their being ready to sail by the last of this month. They will be in New York, Providence permitting, on the 30th inst., or sooner, should we not hear that the sailing of the Mary Jane is delayed beyond the time specified.

I write you by dictation, having had my right arm disabled for a time by the overturning of the Stage in one of your Streets; but am, with great respect, Very truly yours,

R. Anderson Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Silas E Burrows, Esq.
New York City.

Capt. Wm. Clift } Missionary Rooms
Mystic Bridge Conn. } Boston July 6. 1833

Dear Sir,

I intended to have written you sooner on the subject of the kind offer of Mr. Burrows to send out a couple of Missionaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in the Mary Jane to Western Patagonia. I had the misfortune, however, to be overturned in the Stage about a fortnight since, and to

break my right arm; and now I am obliged to write by dictation.

The object of this mission is to explore the condition of the Indian tribes on the western coast of Patagonia; and the plan of it is to land these missionaries at the most suitable place, say at or near the principal rendezvous of the American sealing vessels, which I understand is about the Lat. 47°, and from thence let them make exploring journeys North & South. They will be prepared to encounter the necessary hardships, and, with the favor of divine Providence, will probably be ready, in the course of a year to make report to the Society on the expediency of commencing a permanent mission, the most suitable place, the kind of mission to be sent &c.

I write you, Dear Sir, with great pleasure on this subject, as Mr. Burrows informed me you would take a lively interest in the welfare of the mission. Two amiable, pious, and excellent young clergymen have been engaged, and are making their arrangements to be in readiness to sail in the Mary Jane by the last of this month, by which time, as Mr. Burrows informed me, you expected to commence your voyage. He informed me that you would command the vessel, and kindly gave me your address that I might write to you. Our missionaries of course go on this mission unmarried. One of them is the Rev. Wm. Arms, of the Theological Seminary in Andover; the other the Rev. Titus Coan, of the Theological Seminary in Auburn, New York. Mr. Arms, I believe, is a native of Pennsylvania. Mr Coan is from Killingworth, Connecticut. We are indebted to Mr. Burrows & Captain Morrell for a considerable amount of valuable information; but shall

be greatly obliged by any suggestions you may be able to give me as to the nature of the clothing they should take, of the tools they will need for their convenience which among the natives, and the kind of articles they ought to take for presents and to purchase their food and means of travelling; also what you will recommend them to take for the voyage. Indeed we shall gratefully receive whatever information & suggestions you may think proper to communicate. In particular we should be glad to have your views as to the parts of the coast which are most worthy of their attention.

Wishing you a prosperous voyage,
I am, dear Sir, very respectfully & truly
Yours: R. Anderson Sec'y of the
A.B.C.F.M.

Postscript to letter to Mr. Titus Coan on pages 317 & 319 ——

Thinking you might need money before arriving at New York, I have opened this letter to say that you are authorized to procure money of Dea Thomas at Utica, on account of the Board, to the amount of fifty dollars, if necessary. You will of course show him this Postscript. R. A.

July 6. 1833 — Wrote to Mr Geo. M. Tracy of N. York City requesting him to ascertain when the Mary Jane would sail for Patagonia and inform Mr Coan and also myself. Also requested him to advance Mr Coan whatever money he should need to bear his expenses to Boston.

Dorchester July 6. 1833

Rev. Justin Perkins
Amherst, Mass.

My Dear Brother

I wrote you on the 3d inst. respecting the time of your marriage, &c. Yesterday I recd. yours of the 2d inst. I do not think it necessary to repeat anything I said in my last, except to say that there is no objection to your marriage taking place immediately.

The proper size & shape for your boxes is that of the common travelling trunks. Take care that they are not too large, as they must be carried on the backs of mules, two of them on a mule. The repacking of them in Boston, is not a thing of course.

It would not be advisable for you to take out a female domestic. The reasons I will state to you when I see you.

I cannot yet state the precise time of your embarkation. I beg however, that you will let me know where letters will find you with the least possible delay.

Very affectionately Yours
R. Anderson, Sec &c

Rev. D. O. Allen } Missionary Rooms Boston July 6 1833
Bombay }

My Dear Sir

When you inquired of me the Saturday before you left us, about a copy of the resolution of the Prud. Comte in relation to the proceedings of the Bombay Aux. Bible Society, I replied, you may remember, that a copy of the resolution was transmitted to the mission, addressed to Mr. Ramsey its Secretary, which I could hand you on Monday morning. That letter young Mr. Chapman took home with him on Saturday evening to finish copying. When I had the interview with

you at my room on Monday morning, which you will remember, he had not yet brought it in. He brought it ~~in~~ soon after, I suppose, as I found it on my return from breakfast. I put it in my pocket to give to you on board the vessel. And in my pocket, to my great mortification & vexation, I found it on Tuesday morning, the day after you sailed. I send it by the next vessel, to sail tomorrow to Calcutta, I send it, & by the same opportunity I send this, to explain the fact of your not having the other letter, & to transmit to you, a copy of the resolutions. The letters will reach Bombay as soon as you will, I suppose if you stop at Ceylon. —

Yours with esteem &c
B B Wisner

P.S. The additional resolutions of the Executive Committee of the Amer. Tract So. in regard to the use of their appropriations for the printing & circulation of Tracts at Foreign Miss. Stations has been received. A copy has been sent by the Secretary of that Society to the Bombay mission. The resolutions are, to me at least, not very intelligible, & I fear they will not be to the brethren of the mission stations. The meaning unquestionably is, that any mission, yours for example, may print a tract as soon as ~~practicable~~ written with funds of the Board, send a translation to the Tract Society, & if it is approved, may return to the funds of the Board, from grants of the Tract Society, the amount of the cost of the edition or editions of that tract printed before you were notified of its approval by the Tract Society. In his letter to us communicating the resolution, Mr Hallock the treasurer of the Tract Society says, "By a temporary use — in ten years will be repeated".

Rev. Wm. A. Hallock } Missionary Rooms
Cor. Sec. of the A.T. Soc. } Boston July 11 1833

My Dear Brother

I enclose a translation of another of your Bombay Tracts, to be examined by your Committee.

There are two or three topics on which I wish to write you: but as I have a broken right arm by means of the overturning of the Stage three weeks since, and am yet obliged to do my writing by dictation, I will defer them for the present.

My wife joins with me in desiring an affectionate remembrance to Mrs Hallock, and I am very truly your friend & brother

R. Anderson

P.S. I ought to have stated that the translation of the Tract was made by Mr Allen

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Missionary Rooms Boston
July 15 1833

Sir,

The duplicate Passports forwarded to me for the Rev. Mr. Eckard and lady, have been received. He did not return from the South in season for the vessel, in which his passage had been engaged for India. Of course he is still in this country, & writes me that he has recd the Passports which were directed to him at Philadelphia. I therefore return the duplicates; and am, with great respect, your obedient servant,

R. Anderson
Sec'y of the A.B.C.F.M.

Hon. Louis M'Lane
Sec'y of State &c. &c.

Rev. Justin Perkins } Missionary Rooms, Boston,
Middlebury Vt. } July 15. 1833.

My Dear Brother,

My object in writing you now is to say, that I find your Passport at the Rooms. I supposed it had been sent to you. I will now retain it until your arrival.

We do not yet hear of any vessel for yourself & Mr Smith. We have ~~strong hopes~~ expectations that one will be found within ~~three~~ four weeks at the farthest. It will be well for you to be ready to go at a short notice, and early in the next month. We shall give you specific information as soon as we are able to obtain it.

My broken arm is not yet so far restored that I can use it. I write by an Amanuensis; but am, with affectionate regards to Mrs Perkins, (as I presume I may now call her,) very truly

Yours R. Anderson Sec/ of the
A. B. C. F. M.

Rev. Eli Smith } Missionary Rooms, Boston,
Norwich Conn. } July 15. 1833.

My Dear Brother,

I rec^d your note of July 10th, but am unable to find your letter to Dr Wisner on the subject of Missionary Sabbath School labors; nor could he give me information before his departure for the interior of N. York as to what he had said it. Can you not write again on the subject?

We do not yet hear of any vessel for yourself & Mr Perkins. It may take a month to find a suitable conveyance; but you will of course be ready to go at a short warning. We shall give you the earliest information in our power

and shall write you at Norwich until otherwise instructed.

My arm is getting better though slowly. Desiring affectionate regards to her who is to be the partner of your future labors, I am very truly your friend & brother

R. Anderson

Letter to Mr James Read Eckard dated July 3. See Domestic Letter Book p. 331

Mr. George M. Tracy, New York City } Missionary Rooms, Boston, July 15, 1833

Dear Brother

I wish you would have the goodness to inform Mr. Coan, our Missionary to Patagonia, that his ordination is expected to take place on Sabbath evening, 28th inst.; that is, the last Sabbath in the month. If the ship is to sail by the first of August, (and on this point I will thank you for the earliest information,) he ought to be here by the 24th.; and, at any rate, he ought to be here by the 26th. The Council will meet for his examination in the afternoon of Saturday the 27th.

Very affectionately Yours, R. Anderson

Mr E S Minor, New Haven, Con. } Missionary Rooms Boston July 16 1833

My Dear Sir

As Dr. Wisner is absent, your letter to him of 13th inst came into my hands this morning. As I have not yet recovered the use of my right ~~arm~~ hand, have to write by dictation, and have many other things to do, I must answer your inquiries with great brevity.

1 You ask whether there is any thing peculiar in the situation of a missionary, which renders it

important that he should have a wife. I assure the missionaries and assistant missionaries in Ceylon will find themselves inclined to the marriage state by all the reasons that are generally so decisive on ministers and other good people in this country. And besides, at times the missionary will be strongly influenced by a feeling of peculiar solitariness among the heathen, and of the peculiar difficulty of taking care of his domestic affairs without some such a helper as a wife would be. The result, in all probability, would be, that in four or five years, you would feel constrained to seek a partner somewhere in India, to the great danger of not being half as well provided for, as you may now be.

2. My own opinion is, that the wives of missionaries among the heathen are as useful in their spheres of action, as their husbands are in theirs. Should your wife be well chosen, she will not only contribute much to your own happiness and usefulness, but may exert a very salutary and important influence upon a large number of the native females around her.

3. Should you go unmarried, I presume you will find it necessary to reside in the family of one of your missionary brethren. How convenient such an arrangement could be made to the family, I know not; nor am I sure that this would be the best arrangement.

Seriously hope you will succeed in making your arrangements so as to go to Ceylon, and to go with Mr Eckard. It is an important post, one which ought to be filled as soon as possible, and Providence seems to be evidently pointing your out as the man to fill it.

Cannot Mr. White or some other competent man who feels an interest in the cause, help you to bring your affairs to a speedy and satisfactory settlement?

However, I would not urge you on this or any other point, but only pray that you may be divinely guided in an affair of so much importance.

It would be very desirable should you go married that you accompany Mr. & Mrs. Eckard in the Dove. I must defer a little sending you a list of outfit, but will send it seasonably. Meanwhile let us know when you get new light as to your duty. Until your appointment, you will of course address your letters to Dr Wisner. I am very affectionately and truly yours

R Anderson

Rev. Allen Graves, Rupert, Vt.

Missionary Rooms, Boston, July 17. 1833.

My Dear Brother,

I hope you saw Dr. Wisner at the Springs; if so, he told you that I had broken my right arm, and this will enable you to account for my not writing you.

It seems very proper that you should spend the winter at the South, as that course presents the fairest prospect for your speedy restoration. You can make your arrangements with a view to such a journey and any facilities we can afford you and Mrs. Graves for rendering yourselves happy and useful during the wintry season, will be most cheerfully afforded.

I have received your revised New Testament, and shall forward it as soon as may be. Mr. Bardwell's return to Bombay is exceedingly doubtful, owing chiefly to Mrs. Bardwell's ill health. Mr. Allen has returned unmarried, to spend four years as an itinerant, distributing the Scriptures & religious tracts. We are anxiously looking for good men to send to Bombay, but do not yet find any.

The question of employing catechists in several

of our foreign missions, is at present a deeply interesting one to my own mind. We shall be thankful for any light you can throw upon this or any other subject. (The donations from Westfield, Colbrook, Rupert, Salem & Troy, will be acknowledged in the Herald for September. That they have not been acknowledged already, is owing to my not having transferred your letter to Mr. Hill — a mistake which seldom happens. Mr. Hill says he should be very glad to know of any donations, which have been made & not acknowledged. The amount should be stated, and also the time when, and the person to whom they were paid. When you hear any person say that donations have not been acknowledged in the Herald, it will be well to ask them to state specifically by whom the donation was made, when, how it was remitted &c. &c. and if they are specific, take a minute of it. It is very desirable that any omissions should be pointed out.)

The enclosed Certificate will authorize you to receive donations anywhere in the country. If you do not receive a sufficiency for your expenses, you will draw on Mr. Butler or Mr. Hill for the balance. I can add no more, except to desire my affectionate regards to Mrs. Graves, and to assure you that I am as ever your friend & brother,

R. Anderson

Mr. Titus Coan } Missionary Room, Boston July 17 1833
New York City } My Dear Brother

We have called a council for your examination on the 27th inst., and for your ordination on Sabbath evening the 28th. Of course you will make your arrangements to be here seasonable

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We have requested Dr. Skinner to preach the sermon, but know not whether he will be able to do it. You will ascertain through Mr. Tracy, while in New York, at what time the vessel is to sail. Mr. Tracy has not yet answered my enquiries on the subject. Having ascertained that fact, you will be able to determine when to visit your parents. My associates being both absent, and my right arm still disabled, I can add no more, except that I am very affectionately & truly yours,

R. Anderson Sec. pro tem
A.B.C.F.M.

Missionary Rooms, Boston,
July 17. 1833.

Rev. & Dear Sir

We have invited the church in the Seminary to assist, by its pastor & delegate, in the ordination of Mr. Arms & Mr. Crane, the two brethren who are about to proceed on an exploring mission to the western coast of Patagonia, in South America. The ordination is to take place in Park Street church, on sabbath evening, 28th inst.

It is desirable, on many accounts, that you should preach on the occasion, and I earnestly hope you will be able to perform this part of the service. Having a broken right arm, being obliged to write by dictation, my brother Secretaries being both absent, and having of course more than I can do, you perceive why I write so briefly. I have no doubt, Dear Sir, that you will take this proposal into serious consideration, do what is right, and let me know your decision as soon as possible.

I am, Dear Sir, very affectionately and truly yours in the Gospel. R. Anderson Sec. pro tem A.B.C.F.M.

Rev. Thos. H. Skinner D.D. Andover

Missionary Rooms, Boston,
July 17. 1833.

To the Park St. Church of Christ in Boston;
Greeting:

Reverend & Beloved:

The Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, having appointed Mr. Wm. Arms & Mr. Titus Coan to a mission on the western coast of Patagonia, in South America, respectfully request your attendance, by your pastor and delegate, on a Council to ordain these Brethren as missionaries to the heathen.

The Council will meet for the examination of the Bretn. Arms & Coan on Saturday at four o'clock P.M. 27th inst. in the lower vestry of Park Street Church; and the ordination services will take place in the Church on the evening of the Sabbath following.

In behalf of the Prudential Committee
R. Anderson
Secretary of the
A. B. C. F. M.

Mr. Wm. L. Burroughs
New Bedford Mass.

Missionary Rooms
Boston July 17. 1833.

Dear Sir;

I had the misfortune to break my right arm a short time since, and am not yet able to use it, which, in connexion with the embarkation of Missionaries, is the principal reason why your letter of the 25th Ult. was not immediately answered. On perusing it this morning I cannot help being pained by the delay, as I perceive your circumstances required a speedy reply, and the facts on our part admit of being briefly stated

We have as many printers at the Sandwich Islands, as it is expedient to employ there at present, nor is it probable that we shall need to send any more for two or three years to come, unless the health of some one now on the ground should utterly fail.

You perceive therefore, that the door appears to be closed for the present; but I trust your disposition to devote your labors to the cause of missions, will yet find scope to exert itself.

I am, Dear Sir, very respectfully and truly yours, R. Anderson Sec'y pro tem
A. B. C. F. M.

July 18. 1833. Wrote to Hon. Louis M'Lane Secretary of State for Passport for Mr. Titus Coan

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Missionary Rooms Boston
July 18. 1833.

My dear Mrs. Lathrop,

I rec'd the letter, of which the foregoing is a copy, this morning; and though I suppose you also have a letter, I think it best to send you this. I have not time to revise it, nor can I give expression to my own feelings. I doubt not the Lord will sustain you, as well as your bereaved brother. Mrs. Hutchings will feel much on arriving at Ceylon, but she also can be sustained. I hope to be able to use my hand in a few days. I can only add that I am most truly yours, R. Anderson

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July 19. 1833. Wrote to Dr. Wisner at Utica
R. Anderson

Dear Brother Graves July 19. 1833

I am happy to say that my broken arm is recovering, though I cannot yet write

you with own hand. I think well of your going to Prince Edward County, as Dr. Wisner suggested, and will immediately write and ascertain how you can be accommodated there. Where shall I write you three weeks or a month hence when I hear?

I was grieved yesterday to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Winslow in Ceylon early in Jany. She died of convulsions immediately consequent upon her confinement. — Desiring affectionate regards to Mrs. Graves, I am, your friend & brother.

R. Anderson Secy &c

Mr Benj.a Schneider,
Theol. Sem. Andover.

Missionary Rooms, Boston,
July 19. 1833

Dear Brother

The ——— Presbytery has come to the following result which I communicate to you in the language of the committee of the Presbytery — extracted from the letter of the Rev. J. M. Dickey, dated Oxford, Chester County, Penn. July 8. viz.

"As members of the committee of Missions we are in favor of considering Mr. Schneider as our Missionary even though he go to the Mediterranean instead of Africa. — especially as neither the American nor the Western Board have, or are likely to have one to Africa for some time yet, it appears advisable to take up Mr Schneider at least for the present, till a mission in Africa shall be established, when we can make a change if it is desired, expecting that our missionary shall be under the care of the American Board — We wish Mr Schneider to come on in Sept.r or sooner if possible, preach in our churches & be ordained by

our Presbytery at their meeting in October."

(Signed) E. W. Gilbert, Robt Adair, J. M. Dickey } Committee

You will probably find it expedient to embark for the Mediterranean in Nov.r or Dec.r

I will thank you to send me by mail a copy of Mr. Tinker's address.

In haste but very truly Yours,

R. Anderson

Rev. Thomas H. Skinner D.D., Theol. Sem. Andover, Mass. } Mass. H. Room, Boston July 22 1833

Rev & Dear Sir

I have this day rec.d your of the 18th inst. After consulting with as many of the Brethren as I can see on the subject, I set down to write you an account of our dilemma: premising that this is the first letter I have written with my broken arm. It will be difficult, & I fear impossible, to prevent our meeting next Sabbath evening from being a failure, unless you come to preach. Our ministers here will all shrink from the task, with so short a notice. Dr. Fay says you can take any one of a number of sermons which you have, and easily adapt them to the occasion. We heard you preach one at Salem, I think on preaching the cross of Xt., which is admirably adapted. Our missionary meetings come so often here that we cannot too much dread having any one of them on a mere ordinary occasion; & such this will be, if one of our own ministers has to come forward, and probably one of our youngest, with a mere ordinary preparation. I need not say, my dear sir, how our people here will receive you. I will only entreat you to weigh our exigency, or rather that of the cause, with the reason which induced you to decline

coming, and I trust your feelings will coincide with those of all here who have been consulted on the subject.

I write necessarily in great haste, as well as with considerable difficulty; but am very affectly & truly yours

R Anderson

Hon. Louis McLane
Washington. } July 25, requesting a Passport for Mr. Arms.

Wm. I. Manderville,
New York City. } Missionary Rooms, Boston, July 27. 1833.

My Dear Sir,

In reply to the enquiry in your letter of the 24th, I would state, that the Mr. Tracy, who wrote from Brunswick on the 28th of March, was the Rev. Ira Tracy, our Missionary to China, who was at that time attending medical lectures in Brunswick.

Please say to Mr. Nitchie that we shall be greatly obliged by the 20 Copies of your last Report. They will suffice for our missions beyond sea.

I hope Mr. Brigham has recovered his health. My broken arm is so that I am able to resume my writing.

I am, Dear Sir, in great haste, but very truly yours,

R. Anderson

Mr. F. Fellowes
Hartford Conn. } Missionary Rooms, Boston, July 27. 1833.

My Dear Sir,

Mr. Tilden left no money

in my hands on account of the Mess.rs Van Lennep, and I have not received funds from Smyrna. But as it may be inconvenient for you to wait longer, Mr Hill consents to remit the sum of 75 dollars. The family has long been very kind to us & our missionaries in the Mediterranean, making such an advance proper in the present case. I hope to receive funds soon. Mr Hill desires a receipt, in triplicate, for $75 received of him as Treasurer of the Board for expenses of Henry & Gustavus Van Lennep. He will send two copies of the receipt to Smyrna, and retain one for himself.

I rec.d letters from Smyrna dated May 15th, all well. Mr. Van Lennep says his brothers do not write as often from Hartford, as they did from Amherst. My kind regards to them. In haste but truly Yours. R. Anderson

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To the Rev. William Arms and Rev. Titus Coan, Missionaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to the Heathen.

Dear Brethren:

The mariner every year visits the western shores of Patagonia braving the rough waves and incessant rains in pursuit of seals; and recently some officers of the British navy have traced the unparalleled intricacies of that coast, for the benefit of commerce. But the most interesting field of enquiry yet remains to be explored. Man, in Patagonia, though found around almost the whole extent of Coast, &

possibly in many parts of the vast interior, immortal man has been in great measure overlooked. Little is known respecting his character and habits; except that, in the east, he roams on horseback over the boundless pampas, while, in the west, his life is spent in a canoe among the islands. If he has fixed habitations, to which he resorts at stated seasons, and where are the graves of his fathers, as it would seem he must have, we know nothing about them. Nor are there any data by which we may estimate the number of human beings in that great country. Nor have we any certain information concerning their religious opinions and feelings. Living in the ends of the earth, they are unknown to the rest of the world; and where is the disciple of Jesus, who ever shed a tear over their hapless condition as probationers for eternity?

But the time has come, in which the moral condition of every part of the world must be made known to the church. The church must become acquainted with the ground she is to occupy, and the work she is to do. The most remote & inhospitable countries, if the abode of human beings, must be visited by the Christian traveller, and all its spiritual necessities be made known to those whose duty it is to relieve them.

Through the public spirited generosity of Silas E. Burrows, Esq. of New York City, you will receive a gratuitous passage in the Mary-Jane, Capt. Clift, to some convenient point on the western coast of Patagonia; and you may rely upon the influence of that gentleman to secure you the friendly assistance of the

several ship-masters in his employment, whenever you are in circumstances to need and receive such assistance. Your drafts upon the Treasurer of the Board as a remuneration for the favors received from them, will be duly honored; and the Committee cherish the hope, that in some way the gracious Lord, at whose command you go on this mission, and who is everywhere present, will be pleased to provide for all your wants. Your minds, however, should be prepared for singular privations — for hunger, cold, nakedness, perils in the wilderness, and perils in the sea, that you may endure them with all long suffering and patience.

In case the vessel touches anywhere in Eastern Patagonia, you will learn as much as possible with regard to the inhabitants, always taking care not to expose yourselves to the danger of captivity: but the field you are to make the special object of inquiry, is <u>Western Patagonia</u>. There you will use all proper means to gain the desired information concerning the native tribes, from the southern limits of Chili to the Strait of Magellan. The chart, drawn by Capt. King under direction of the British Admiralty, of which you are furnished with a copy on a larger scale than the original, will be of essential service to you, and to the vessel in which you sail. It presents indeed one of the most broken coasts in the world: yet it demonstrates that vessels may find complete protection from the Pacific by means of islands and archipelagoes extending nearly 400 miles, from the Magellanic

strait to the Gulf of Penas.

Your first endeavor will be to ascertain as precisely as possible the places of most frequent resort for sealing vessels: especially for those belonging to the generous patron of this exploring mission. You will also have a good understanding with Capt. Clift; of whose disposition to aid you we are assured, so far as will comport with the success of his voyage. You may find it inexpedient at first to remove all your effects to the shore; and circumstances may render it highly important for you to have an occasional resort to vessels; and when the object of your mission are attained, you will of course need a conveyance either to this country direct, or to Valparaiso where you may soon find a vessel bound to some port in the United States. You will be furnished with the means of bartering with the natives: with a travelling tent of the most approved construction; with a small boat, should the captain of the Mary-Jane advise to one and be able to take it; with the means of procuring fish from the water, and game from the land, for your food; with bills on our bankers in London, and letters of credit on a mercantile house in Valparaiso, to be used in case of necessity; and with a letter to the commander of our naval squadron on the western coast of South America. But after all, the chief hope of the committee is in the merciful providence of the all pervading, all powerful Lord of Missions, who can crown your self-denying enterprise with success, and return you safely to your native land

at the appointed season.

How much time you shall bestow upon the islands, and particularly the large island to which the name of Wellington is given on the chart, it will be for you to determine after passing the Strait. On the northern extremity of Wellington island lies the Guaianeco group, of which Capt. Morrell gives a very flattering description in a letter which you have seen. Here he recommends the establishment of a mission. In his published journal, he also recommends a mission on the Peninsula of Tres Montes, which is somewhat farther north, but perhaps too near the papal mission, in the Archipelago of Chiloe, to render it the most desirable location. He represents the natives as to be found in considerable numbers among the islands of the western shore, and on the Strait; and his account of the country, as a whole, is certainly very favorable. Yet it is not to be denied, that the descriptions we have seen of the country are not all by any means reconcilable. All however represent the coasts & islands as inhabited. The climate is undoubtedly humid to an extraordinary degree; but it does not appear to be unhealthy; and Capt. King, in a paper read before the Royal Geographical Society of England, represents the atmosphere of the Strait as possessing some peculiar quality favorable to vegetation; as he observed tender plants blossoming at a temperature of 36°; uninjured when the mercury was several degrees below the point of congellation, and flourishing indeed through the long & severe winter. He states, also, that during

summer, he accasionally spent the greater part of the night at his observatory, with the thermometer, both within & without, as low as the freezing point, and yet though not warmly clad, he did not in the least feel the cold: and in the winter, with the thermometers, on similar occasions, at 24° & 26°, he has not suffered any inconvenience. Such facts as these cannot be uninteresting to men, who are expecting to become familiar with the snowy cordilleras and tremendous glaciers of those high southern regions.

To the Committee, as at present informed, it seems most desirable that you should leave the vessel somewhere between the latitudes 47° & 48° S.; yet they give no positive instructions on this point. Looking continually by prayer to the Father of Lights for direction, your movements must be regulated with constant reference to circumstances & events, very often unanticipated. It must be impossible to traverse the western shore by land, as the waters of the Pacific reach the very base of the Andes, & flow far into the deep ravines that wind through its ramifications. The Cordillera itself, however, is not elevated generally above 3,000 feet, and, with the help of natives, may no doubt be crossed. At a considerable distance from the plan of your proposed debarkation, on the more northern & elevated ridges of this chain, dwell the Araucanians, renowned in Spanish history and song. They belong to the noblest race of savage men, and every friend of man must desire that their national independence may long

be preserved. Whether you will be able to reach them, is scarcely probable, nor do the Committee advise that you should make the attempt. But are there not other tribes of similar character farther south? This enquiry they wish you, if possible, to answer. It will be important to know, also, whether the pampas of Patagonia, & their races of horsemen, extend as far westward as the base of the Andes: and what are the character & habits of the mountaineers;—whether warlike, or peaceable; whether they are a nomad, or an agricultural people. You will note their towns and villages; their institutions, customs, manners, & their religious sentiments, so far as you can ascertain their nature; and will judge whether it will be expedient, at present, for the churches of this country to establish a mission among them, and indeed anywhere in Patagonia. In case you think a mission ~~among them~~ advisable, you will enable yourselves to give the Committee all that precise information, which they will need in order to fit out & commence the mission under the most favorable circumstances.

The tradition among the Spaniards, mentioned by Ovalle, in his Historical Relation of the Kingdom of Chile, of a nation in the interior of Southern Patagonia, descended from Europeans, and called Cesares, will be worthy of some attention.

Whatever be the result of this mission in respect to yourselves, let it be remembered, that the privations, hardships & exposures, to which you will probably be subjected, and which

appear so formidable to many of your friends, are extraordinary only in the history of Missions. In the history of commerce and of science, they are common and familiar scenes. Almost a century since, De la Condamine & Bouguer spent six months in a desert of South America, near the equator, contending night & day with incessant rains, that they might measure an arc of the meridian; while Maupertius, in pursuit of the same object, thought nothing of the bleak and snowy precipices of Norway. And how many sufferings unto death have been cheerfully endured in Africa, to solve the problems of the Nile, & of the Niger? What contempt of sufferings and dangers have been evinced by the explorers of a north-western passage? The surveys of Capt King on the coast you are to visit, were extended through the space of four years, & notwithstanding wind, & rain, & sleet, & snow, his officers spent much of their time, for successive days & nights, in open boats. And from part of the world, and by what amount of privation & peril, is Commerce deterred from sending her missionaries, for exploration, & for trafic? From none. They are even now going forth into all the world. Let the missionary of the cross go where he will, he will find that they have preceded him. Let him experience any amount of bodily sufferings; it may probably be found that they have already experienced the same, or greater sufferings, among the same people. It is lamentable that the church should make so much of personal sacrifices, endured for the glory of Christ & the salvation of men, when the world accounts them so little, endured for the sake of wealth,

or fame.

Go, Dear Brethren, believing that your enterprise is in no respect a work of supererrogation. You do only your duty; and may your example be the means, under God, of raising the tone of enterprise in the churches.

You have no political designs whatever; and will every where deport yourselves as the subjects of a Kingdom, which belongeth not to this world. Your whole object is, to ascertain whether the Gospel of salvation through Christ Jesus can be preached to the degraded inhabitants of Patagonia. On such a mission as this, being unquestionably in the way of your duty, you may plead the glorious promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Yes, Dear Brethren, He who has all power in heaven & on earth, will be with you. In your darkest, most desponding hours he will be with you. Should neither of you be allowed to revisit your native land, still he will be with you, and will sustain you in your dying moments, & make you rejoice in all you do and suffer for him. The Committee expect you to keep separate journals, and to embrace every opportunity for communicating the general results of your inquiries for their information.

Having completed the grand objects of your researches, so far as shall be possible, you will embrace the first convenient opportunity for returning to this country; and, on your way home will find time to prepare a joint report of your mission.

In all your intercourse with the natives, you will of course take every opportunity

to make them acquainted with the Gospel; and, the Committee earnestly desire that your enquiries may be the means of its permanent introduction in the benighted regions of Patagonia.

By order and in behalf of the Prudential Committee.

Missionary Rooms,
Boston, July 27, 1833.

Mr. J. Leighton Wilson,
Columbia S. C.

Missionary Rooms, Boston,
July 30, 1833.

My Dear Brother,

I was gratified, and so were the members of the Committee, with what you said respecting Mr. Eckard. You will be pleased to hear that Mr. Minor has received an appointment, and is preparing to accompany Mr Eckard.

I laid the case of your negro boy before the Committee, and the following Resolution was adopted concerning him; viz. —

"Resolved, — That Mr. Wilson be authorized to take with him to western Africa a negro boy now in his possession, provided the boy shall receive his freedom before leaving this country."

I have no doubt but your plan was to take him as a freed boy, but it was thought best, for which reasons which you know, to insert that as a condition in the Resolution with this understanding the Committee not only authorize you to take the boy on the plan you propose but think well of such a measure.

I am gratified by a letter received yesterday from Mr. Merrick. Having had

the misfortune to renew the injury of my right arm last Sabbath evening, I cannot well write him at present; and all three of my associates are absent on official duty. Please say to him that the change of my own views have been the result of my recent investigations & reflections. I am decidedly in favor of his undertaking this mission, nor do I feel the force of his objections to an immediate offer of himself to the Board. The present leaning of my own mind is more in favor of the route by Constantinople, than of that through Bombay; but I have not yet examined the subject sufficiently to have any fixed opinion. We should like to have him inform us, in case he thinks proper of the amount to which he is indebted.

I think of nothing more to say at present except that I am very affectionately & truly

Yours, R. Anderson Sec. pro tem.
A.B.C.F.M.

Rev. Eli Smith, } Dorchester July 30. 1833.
Northford, Con.t }

My Dear Brother,

Your favor of July 18.th was duly rec.d. I think well of your suggestion with respect to Missionary cards for Sabbath schools, and we will attend to the business as soon as possible. An unfortunate accident on Sabbath evening has again prevented me from using my arm, and indeed will detain me from the Rooms for a few days; and my brethren, Wisner, Greene, & Hill are all absent on official duty. Mr Hill has gone to New York to see our Patagonian brethren well embarked on their Moravian mission.

I wish you would prepare a short farewell address to us at the Rooms, to the Committee, and to the patrons of your mission generally, to be delivered after receiving your Instructions. Its length should not exceed fifteen or twenty minutes, and you will readily think of enough to say appropriate to the occasion. If life & health are spared, I design to illustrate the proposition, that the Board is a Society for Observation, and then show how fast it will be your duty and that of Mr Perkins to observe at your several posts; also, to show the probable course of our operations in western and central Asia. Your address should have some reference to the general nature of your Instructions, & should be written in behalf both of Mr. Perkins & yourself. Having been a Missionary for some years, &c. such an address will be very proper from you, & will increase the interest of the occasion. I beg of you on no account to fail of preparing one.

Crocker & Brewster inform me, that the edition of your work is nearly exhausted. A new edition will of course be expedient. We hear of no vessel yet, but have a number of merchants on the lookout.

Desiring an affectionate remembrance to Mrs. Smith, I am very truly your friend & brother,

R. Anderson.

To the Rev. Prof. Goodrich, Union Theol. Sem y. } Missionary Rooms Boston Aug 1 1833

My dear Sir,

The Rev. Allen Graves, a missionary of the Board who has broken his constitution by a residence of fourteen years

at Bombay, is desirous of spending the winter, with his wife, in the neighborhood of your seminary, for the benefit of his health. Permit me therefore to ask you whether there is any family in your neighborhood, in which he and his wife can find an economical, retired, and otherwise suitable boarding place. (The remainder, unimportant, not copied)

R. Anderson Secy
A.B.C.F.M.

Aug. 1. 1833. Wrote to Mr E. S. Minor in answer to his letter of July 31. R.A.

Messrs Arms & Coan, } Dorchester Aug 3. 1833
New York City. }

Dear Brethren:

I hereby enclose Mr. Arms' passport, which was sent to me, and not to New-York as I requested. You ought both to sign your names on the left hand margin of your respective passports under the words "Signature of the Bearer". I was not so much surprised to hear from Mr. Hill of the delay in your sailing, as I was to hear that sealing vessels no longer pursued the seals up the western coast of Patagonia. I had the best reasons for believing that they did. But as it appears I was misinformed, it is best to say nothing about it, but to accomodate our arrangement to the new & unexpected circumstances. Your Mission is evidently one of faith; and if you put your trust in God, you need not be afraid to land among the Anakims, of the eastern shore, and try to find your way to the Andes on horseback.

My arm gets better slowly. I traversed the mountains of Greece without a broken bone, and was subjected to that misfortune at

the door of a friend's house in Boston. We are upheld & we fall at the good pleasure of our Lord & Master. You may experience fewer evils in the vast & savage wilds of Patagonia, than you will find after your return.

Praying the Lord to guide & bless you, I am very affectionately & truly yours,

R. Anderson, Sec. pro tem
A.B.C.F.M.

Rev. Justin Perkins
West Springfield Mass

Missionary Room, Boston Aug 8 1833

My Dear Brother

I write you merely for the purpose of saying, that we have not yet anything definite to communicate concerning a vessel. Trade is not so good in the Mediterranean as formerly, & the number of vessels is of course less.

It is possible you may be detained a few weeks longer, but scarcely probable. We have taken the best measures in our power to learn what vessels are bound that way, & shall give you the earliest information. Your instructions are nearly ready & I have written to Mr. Smith requesting him to prepare a farewell address in the name of you both to follow the Instructions.

Desiring affectionate regards to Mrs. Perkins,
I am very truly Yours
R Anderson

P.S. Do you hear nothing of a Physician

Missionary Rooms, Boston, U.S.A.
August 10. 1833.

Rev. & Dear Sir;

Your very interesting letter to the Society of Inquiry respecting Missions in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, was shown to me by our common friend Dr. Codman, as we happen to live near each other. The Committee

of our Board of Foreign Missions have made arrangements for sending a mission to Western Africa, should such be the will of God, in the autumn of the present year; and several months since they instructed me to propose the inquiry to you, whether we could not properly commence a mission somewhere in southern Africa, or on the eastern coast. For various reasons I delayed writing, chiefly because the volumes of your Researches in South Africa had left a strong impression on my mind, that it would not be advisable for us to send a mission through the Colony. The proposal in your letter, that the American Churches should commence a mission among the Zoolahs, with the accompanying State-ment, struck our Committee very forcibly when I communicated the facts to them. The result was, as you will see in the Missionary Herald for August, that they resolved upon establishing this mission, should Providence permit, as soon as the proper men for it can be obtained.

This mission we shall expect to send direct to Port Natal. I wish to ask, however, for information somewhat more specific than was contained in your letter, as to the number & des-cription of persons who should compose the mission; — how many ordained preachers of the gospel — whether a physician — whether any laymen, to act as teachers, or in any other capacity, &c. I feel anxious also to secure to ourselves the benefit of your experience with regard to the outfit of this mission. What kind of houses will the Mission-aries naturally build for themselves in that part of Africa? What tools will they need to take for building & for agriculture? Are there any sugges-tions you can make on the subject of furniture? In what way shall they best be insured the means

of support? Our remittances to our missionaries beyond sea, except when we send them stores from this country, are usually in Bills on London. What apparatus for schools, infant & other schools, can they profitably take with them?

You will at once perceive how far these questions will need a specific answer, & what other specific information we shall need to which they do not refer. We wish to avoid mistakes at the outset as far as possible, having so often found it difficult to remedy them after they have become a part of the system.

I take it for granted that the Society at Princeton will publish your letter without delay. It will prove a very seasonable & useful document, for we have great need of somebody to speak to our churches about Africa, who has a right to speak & to be heard ex cathedrâ. A great interest is felt in the spiritual regeneration of that benighted & much abused continent.

Having a favorable opportunity direct to Cape Town, we send you a variety of publications, which we beg you will have the goodness to accept. They will give you considerable information concerning this country, which perhaps you do not obtain from England.

I ought perhaps to remark, that Societies of inquiry respecting missions, like the one at Princeton, are common to all our Theological Seminaries, & exist in many of our colleges. One of the volumes we send you contains the history of the oldest & most important Society of this kind in the country, which is in the Theological Seminary at Andover.

With regard to our proposed mission among the Zoolahs I would add, that we wish to make it the commencement of a series of missions

extending northward.

We will endeavor not to trouble you oftener than is necessary, knowing that you have many cares & labors; but we shall always be grateful for information & suggestions, and the more the better. For some principles which govern us in the selection of stations, and the prosecution of our missions, I refer you to page 272 of the Missionary Herald for the present month.

Praying that your labors in the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ may be crowned with his abundant blessing I am, Rev. & Dear Sir, very respectfully & truly yours in the fellowship of gospel.

Rev. John Philip D.D.
Cape Town,
South Africa

R. Anderson Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Messrs. S. E. & R. Morse
New York city

Missionary Rooms, Boston
Aug 17, 1833.

My Dear Sirs,

I enclose you the map of Jaffna, which I mentioned to you not long since as having been sent me by Mr. Meigs. It was the basis of the map inserted in the Appendix to our last Report. The names have not been so erased but that you can easily read them. Very truly yours,

R. Anderson Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. Rooms, Boston,
Aug. 20, 1833.

Rev. & Dear Sir,

I address you as a member of our Committee, and inquire whether it would be deemed proper by the Faculty to allow us to give Mr Smith and Mr. Perkins their Instructions in the Chapel

of the Seminary on one of the last two Sabbath evenings in the present term. We should much prefer the last Sabbath evening, that is, the evening of the second Sabbath in Sept.r; but could make our arrangements for the first Sabbath in Sept.r, provided we hear from you soon. The Instructions will be suited to the audience, & Mr Smith will be expected to follow them with a farewell address. We should be glad to approach the students in this manner for once, if it be proper, I make this communication with the approbation of the Committee, and am very respectfully & truly

Yours, R. Anderson Sec. of Ptds

Rev. Dr. Woods.

Rev. Justin Perkins, Marblehead. } Dorchester, Aug. 21. 1833.

My Dear Brother,

I send you a copy of Mr. McClure's letter, and beg you will answer it according to circumstances.

We have written to Andover requesting the professors to allow us to give you and Mr. Smith your Instructions at the Chapel of the Seminary on the evening of the last Sabbath in the term, i.e. the second Sabbath in Sept.r, or the 8th day: but if that cannot be, then the first Sabbath in Sept.r. We shall probably hear from them on Saturday. You will probably receive your Instructions in Boston on the 8th Sept.; if you do not at Andover. We should prefer going to Andover.

A vessel 50 days from Liverpool is daily expected, and is to be despatched for Malta as soon as possible after her arrival. I fear you may go while we are absent at Phil.a Both you & Mr Smith will do well to make

arrangements for spending a part at least of the first week of Septr. in Boston. I was sorry to be prevented calling on Mrs. P. when you were in Boston; but I beg you to present to her mine & Mrs Anderson's affectionate regards, and believe me very truly yours,

R. Anderson

Rev. Eli Smith,
Norwich Conn.

Dorchester Aug. 21. 1833.

My Dear Brother,

Taking into view the number of missionary meetings we have had in Boston, the somewhat peculiar nature of your mission & that of Mr. Perkins, the nature of the Instructions to be given you, & the importance of exerting more influence on the Seminary at Andover, we have asked permission of the professors to give you your Instructions in the Chapel on the last Sabbath evening of the term, that is, the evening of the second Sabbath in Septr. We have told them that we should altogether prefer that evening, but if they should choose otherwise, we would endeavor to be in readiness to have the meeting on the first sabbath in Septr. They will expect your farewell address. We shall hear from them probably on Saturday, when I will inform you of the result. I suppose your address will be substantially the same, whether the meeting be in Boston or Andover, but I thought it necessary to give you this early notice of the contingency.

What we know about a vessel is this. One is known to have sailed from Liverpool 50 days since. She is of course daily expected, and the owner, a man friendly to our object,

says she will afford convenient accomodations, and that she will be despatched for Malta as soon as one cargo can be taken out and another put in. The probability is therefore that she will sail shortly after the time above mentioned, and I greatly fear while we are absent at Phil.a On this supposition the latest day for the public valedictory meeting will be the second Sabbath in Sept.r, i.e. Sept. 8. My present opinion is, that you & Mrs. Smith had better make your arrangements to be in Boston as soon as Friday of next week. Mr. Perkins & his wife have been visiting in the vicinity for a week or more, & do not expect to return again to their friends.

Please let me know your decision as soon as possible. My wife joins with me in affectionate regards to Mrs Smith, with whom we shall be happy to form an intimate acquaintance, and we are, dear Brother, very truly yours,

R. Anderson

Aug 21. 1833 Wrote to Rev A. M. M'Clure in answer to his letter of Aug 16

To the Rev. Eli Smith and the Rev. Justin Perkins, Missionaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions destined to Western Asia.

Dear Brethren:

In the Instructions given to the company of missionaries, which recently embarked for Ceylon, various objects were stated as coming properly within the range of duties incumbent upon the Board. It was described as an educating society, a translating society, a society for printing and distributing books, and, preeminently, a society for preaching the gospel. It is appropriate to your mission, to mention & illustrate another prominent object of our institution.

The Committee would state, then, that the Board is, emphatically, a society for observation. The condition of the world must be ascertained, before it can be improved; and it is surprising how little information suited to our purpose is obtainable from the whole body of those travellers whose investigations have been prompted by mere secular motives. How often has western Asia, for instance, been explored by such travellers. Yet Missionary Societies find it almost as necessary to investigate every part of those countries as if those men had never travelled. Not that their writings contain no account of the religious & social condition of the people. But such were not the main objects of their inquiries; nor were their investigations made, or the results of them recorded, with any reference to missions. They belonged to another corps of observation. We desire, indeed, important information from all kinds of travellers. The politician, the soldier, the geographer, the antiquarian, the man of taste, and the man of insatiable curiosity, are all of use to us; but go where they will, we are obliged to send with them our own messenger, with special instructions to observe & report, before we can safely venture upon

an extended system of missionary operations. You perceive, then, brethren, that our investigations must be co-extensive with the ground we would occupy.

And the exploration & the actual occupation of the ground, are parts of our great work in some respects distinct. We may send out missions merely for the purpose of investigating. We may explore on a far more extensive scale than we can occupy. We may lay open the condition of the world far more easily & speedily than we can take efficient measures to improve it. Indeed we must search out various countries before we can determine which is the most eligible field of labor.

There is another important view of this subject. Missionary societies owe a solemn duty to the churches, as watchmen stationed upon the mountains round about Zion to make report concerning the benighted regions of the world. The committee on their post of observation seem to hear the churches saying unto them continually, "Watchmen, what of the night"? And shall they restrict the attention of their messengers to a few small districts of the world, and a few nations only, when they ought to take into view every nation under heaven, and every soul for whom Christ died? When the resolution was adopted by the American Bible Society to supply our country with Bibles in the space of two years, immediately an investigation was commenced in all parts of the country to learn the extent of the needed supply; and the report then made on the subject was both an indispensable directory to the Society, and a powerful incitement to its patrons. Just so in our grand enterprise for the benefit of the heathen world. The gospel ought to be published throughout all nations. Preliminary investigations of vast ~~[illegible]~~ extent are necessary. Many large

districts of the world are almost wholly unknown. Who can describe the interior of Borneo, New-Holland, South America, Africa, or Asia? And how little is yet known concerning the greater part of the languages of mankind!

The Board has made some progress in its work of observation. Its messengers have been sent among the Indian tribes along the whole extent of our South-western border, far towards the Rocky Mountains. Others have been sent to the great lakes, & beyond them, & to the headwaters of the Mississippi. The condition of the Sandwich Islands has been fully reported. One of our messengers has explored a part of the North-west coast. Another has visited Mexico, and most of the independent states of South America. Others have visited the Washington islands. Others are stationed on the southern border of China, & in Siam, and in the northern part of Ceylon, and in western India. We have observers, also, in Syria, and at the capital of the Moslem empire; at Athens anciently the eye of Greece, and at Malta; and have pushed our inquiries, as one of you will well remember, through the northern provinces of Asia-Minor, into the Caucasian countries, and the borders of Persia. — Others are on their way to traverse, if possible, the unknown regions of Patagonia. Others have gone to explore among the islands of the great Indian Archipelago. Another is about proceeding to Western Africa; and a mission is projected for the eastern shores of that benighted continent, and waits only for the suitable men to commence it. Within a few months from the present time, we hope to occupy a post, which shall throw light upon the condition of ancient Crete; and another post upon the large & important island of Cyprus. At the foot of Mount Olympus, too, in Asia-Minor, a mission will

be planted within a year, should Providence favor our designs; and within that time one of you may be expected to find a home beyond the plains of Mesopotamia, and beyond the Kurdish mountains.

How much farther it will be advisable for the Board to extend its missions for observation, must be referred to that Providence which is so rapidly multiplying facilities & inducements to hasten the publication of the gospel among all nations. A joint & solemn responsibility does certainly rest upon the several missionary societies of Christendom, to lose no time in making a full report to the churches of the condition of the heathen world, and of all that is necessary for its spiritual regeneration. The object merits and demands the greatest talent, the highest attainments, and the most exalted spirit of devotedness to Christ. And the number requisite for this object is comparatively small. A few self denying men of sound judgement, comprehensive views, & cultivated intellect, might explore a nation. Twenty such men would suffice for all central Asia, south of the Russian empire. Planting themselves upon the route pursued by Alexander, when he advanced upon the Indus, and also in Caubul, Cashmere, and Bukhara, they might pour certainty over a vast region, which has long been given up to doubtful conjecture.

And how desirable that this part of our work be speedily accomplished — that the <u>whole world</u> be laid open to the view of the church — that all its abominations and miseries be seen, and all its cries of distress be heard, which indicate a world diseased, and perishing for lack of the gospel. Then will the church find it no longer possible to sleep, & no longer possible to forbear acting on a scale commensurate with the work to be done.

"The groans of Nature in this nether world,
Which heaven has heard for ages, have an end.
Foretold by prophets, and by poets sung

Whose fire was kindled at the prophets' lamp,
The time of rest, the promised sabbath, comes.
Six thousand years of sorrow have well nigh
Fulfilled their tardy and disastrous course
Over a sinful world; and what remains
Of this tempestuous state of human things
Is merely as the working of a sea
Before a calm, that rocks itself to rest.
For He, whose car the winds are, and the clouds
The dust that waits upon his sultry march,
When sin hath moved him, and his wrath is hot,
Shall visit earth in mercy; shall descend
Propitious in his chariot paved with love;
And what his storms have blasted and defaced
For man's revolt, shall with a smile repair."

Your posts, dear brethren, are to be distinct, and separated from each other more than a thousand miles by any safe and practicable route. Yet the field of each will be intensely interesting both for observation and for culture.

Mr. Smith expect to make his residence at the foot of Lebanon. The field of the mission, to which he is about returning, embraces Palestine on the south; a land which will retain its interest as long as the inspired volume is perused; with Syria & Cilicia on the east and north; countries renowned in classic annals, and not less so in the history of the christian church. The countries bordering on the Euphrates & the Tigris, south of Diarbekr, will also for the present, look to him and his associates for investigation. You, dear brother, go not as a stranger. From the heights of Lebanon you have already looked abroad upon that land of promise. Already you have something like the feelings of home associated with the rugged forms

of that goodly mountain, and we know it is not too much to say that you will revisit it with gladness. Syria, since you were compelled to leave it in 1828, in company with Messrs. Bird & Goodell, has passed into the dominions of Mohammed Ali, who, in his conduct as a patron of knowledge, emulates the most enlightened of the Caliphs of Bagdad.

As a missionary in Syria, your time will be given to observation, to the care of the press, to education, and to the preaching of the gospel.

(1.) One important part of your duty, then, will still be that of observation. Palestine has been extensively explored by missionaries; but the results have not been recorded in a connected form, except in the volume published by Mr. Jowett; where, indeed, the work is very ably done. Something of this kind ought to come from yourself, or from Mr. Bird, who also is well qualified for the task. Much remains to be investigated. Much is yet due to sacred literature and geography, which missionaries might contribute without detriment to their particular work. An excursion into the ancient Idumea would at the same time throw light upon the geography of the scriptures, and upon a yet unknown field for missions. Gilead, & Bashan have never yet been visited by the protestant missionary. Cœlo-Syria has been crossed, but how little do we know of its inhabitants. Damascus, situated upon the great highway of the Moslem pilgrims to the shrine of their false prophet, has at last been constrained to open its gates to the distribution of the Bible. From thence, looking eastward, there are two great caravan routes proceeding towards Bagdad, both of which claim a speedy attention. One proceeds from Damascus across the head of the great Syrian desert, & by the ruins of Palmyra, (the Tadmor of the Scriptures,) to the Euphrates, and down the shores of that river — the

distance about 500 miles. The other passes from Aleppo over the site of the ancient Edessa, now called Orfah; thence not far south of Diarbekr to Mosul, & thence down the Tigris — a distance of about 600 miles. This road is by far the most important, & both are beset with perils. The schools, the libraries, the men of letters, and the commercial and literary enterprise, which once adorned the power of the Caliphat on the banks of the Tigris, have passed away; but still there is much to interest the Christian inquirer. The population is singularly mingled. Mohammedans, pagans, Jews, and Christians may all be found. Four sects in Western Asia may perhaps deserve the appellation of pagans — the Yezeedies, the Druses, the Ansari, & the Ismayly; but all these may not exist in Mesopotamia. Of the nominally Christian sects, the Chaldeans, or papal Syrians, have their patriarch at Diarbekr. The Jacobites, a monophysite sect, are found in numerous towns and villages. And the fact you ascertained when at Shoosha, that a remnant of the genuine Syrian church exists near Bagdad, will stimulate to inquiry concerning so interesting a relic of the ancient church of Antioch, to which was given the high honor of first bearing the name of Christ, and of sending forth the first mission to the gentiles.

There is also another field, to which the Committee would direct the attention of yourself & your brethren — the ancient Cilicia. Access to this province from Syria is easy by water; and from it, as in ancient times, the gospel may be sent across the Taurus into the neighboring provinces on the north. When searching for the most convenient location in Cilicia for a permanent establishment, the eye will first be directed to Tarsus, renowned for its antiquity, its school of letters & philosophy, and still more as the birth place of the apostle Paul. Adana, however, is now the principal city of Cilicia, though said to be unhealthy in summer;

and Mesopia is second to the capital, and is surrounded by a beautiful country of hills, and valleys, and water courses.

(2.) A few remarks will suffice in relation to the press. You already know that the Arabic part of the printing establishment at Malta is to be removed to Syria. To this it is proposed to add a Syriac fount of types; and the entire establishment will be under your particular direction, subject of course to the general superintendance of the mission. A printer of suitable qualifications may probably be obtained at Malta. You will have also the use of a lithographic press, furnished by the liberality of an English gentleman, the value of which for printing in the Arabic & Syriac languages, your knowledge of the lithographic art will enable you very speedily to determine.

For other suggestions under this head, the Committee refer you to the Instructions given to Mr. Temple, on his return to Malta in the year 1830.

(3.) The importance of education, as an auxiliary to the preaching of the gospel, becomes greater & greater in view of the Committee. This was mentioned as a third department of your duties. The Committee believe it will be necessary for us to pay more attention to the infant mind, than we have been accustomed to devote to it. The character is doubtless moulded at a very early age. Hence, by neglecting the infant mind, our work, so far as it depends on education, is protracted through two or three generations, when it might otherwise be accomplished in one. The mission is, therefore, authorized to establish as many infant & primary schools, as can be taught the principles of the gospel, & effectually superintended.

Nothing need be added to what has been said in times past in reference to common schools; for,

on this subject, the same principles & rules substantially, apply to all the missions of the Board. But it demands serious consideration, whether a school of higher character ought not to be established somewhere in Syria, for the education of teachers, catechists, & other helpers for the mission. Indeed such a seminary appears to be indispensable to the success of our efforts to revive a knowledge of the gospel in that country. The mission is requested to inquire & report on this subject, but to take no decisive measures in relation to the seminary until they have received the sanction of the Committee.

(4.) The fourth and only specification of your duty which was to be mentioned, is that of preaching the gospel. This, whether mentioned by the Committee or not in their Instructions to missionaries, is always regarded by them as of primary importance. To every one they say, "As you go, preach". Yet do they not understand this command, nor was it designed by the glorious giver, to be restricted to that formal mode of dispensing truth, which we technically call preaching. The nature of the case, & the present habit of that country, doubtless similar to those in ancient times, require a more extended signification. Much of your preaching will be of the nature of conversation, and your best models for that will be found in the New-Testament.

Mr. Perkins' particular field of inquiry and labor is to be the Syriac Church, and especially that part of it denominated Nestorian; and his residence will be in Oormiah, just within the western borders of Persia. The position you are to occupy, dear brother, is not only interesting in relation to the Nestorians, but it is in the very centre of Mohammedanism,

and on the dividing line between the two great sects of that false religion. On the east of you will be the Shiites, who receive only the Koran as of divine authority; and on the west will be the Sounites, who hold not only to the Koran, but also to the traditions of their elders. You go also where least is known concerning the oriental churches; but where possibly their rites & ceremonies are less perverted, than in the parts of Asia more accessible to the power & influence of Rome. You will remember the antiquity of this branch of the church of Antioch, & how extensively its doctrines were once diffused, & with what zeal & success it once supported christian missions among the tribes & nations of central & eastern Asia. You will approach them with a respect, which nothing should be able to destroy.

The Committee are anxious to associate a physician with you in this enterprise, and will procure one as soon as possible. It is not thought best, however, that you should wait in this country for a colleague. You will proceed immediately to Constantinople, and there, for a number of months, will avail yourself of the best facilities afforded by that city for acquiring the language spoken by the Nestorians of Oormiah. Your best route from Constantinople to the field of your mission, will probably be by water to Redook Kulaah, on the eastern shore of the Black Sea; thence to Tiflis, the capital of Georgia; thence southward to Tebriz, in Persia. The estimated distance from Redook Kulaah to Tebriz, is about 600 miles. The distance from Tebriz to Oormiah, is not far from 100 miles. The shorter route from Trebizond to Tebriz through Erzroom, will probably be found too rough & hazardous to be attempted by your female companion.

Your first duty among the Nestorians, will be to cultivate an intimate acquaintance with their religious

opinions & sentiments. You are aware that, except the information collected by Messrs. Smith & Dwight during the few days they were among the Nestorians, almost all we know concerning that sect in modern times, is derived from papal writers. The learned investigations of some of them, entitle them to high honor, and may be of great use to you in the way of furnishing topics for inquiry, but the Committee wish the information which you communicate concerning the present state of the Nestorian church, to be the result of your own careful, personal investigations; or at least to be thus corroborated. The churches of this country ought to be accurately informed as to the numbers of the Nestorians, their places of residence, their doctrines, rites, morals, education, &c. Whether you will be able at present, with a due regard for personal safety, to penetrate the Kurdish mountains, and visit the Nestorian patriarch at his residence near Joolamerk, is very doubtful. The journey should be performed, however, as soon as may be, lest interested & perverse men should prejudice his mind against you. But your tours should be few & short, until you are familiar with the language spoken by the people. Interpreters in those countries are never to be trusted with less confidence, than in those delicate & critical cases, in which it is of the utmost importance for you to understand the meaning of language addressed to you, and to make your own language perfectly understood by others.

The Instructions given to Mr. Smith with respect to the investigations in Mesopotamia at present incumbent on the mission in Syria, are not to be understood as debarring you & your future associates from tours of observation among the Nestorians, and other branches of the Syrian Church, westward of the Kurdish mountains, whenever such tours can

be advantageously performed. The distance from Oormiah to Mosul, across the mountains, is less than 200 miles; but you could not now reach that city, with even tolerable safety, except by way of Bagdad, a circuit of more than 700 miles.

Another primary object which you will have in view, will be to convince the people, that you come among them with no design to take away their religious privileges, nor to subject them to any foreign ecclesiastical power. The only acknowledged Head of the Church to which you belong, is Jesus Christ, and your only authoritative standard in ecclesiastical matters, is the New-Testament. The Syriac church acknowledges the same Head, and the same standard, though it may be with some additions. You will have, therefore, a broad, common ground on which to stand; besides the invaluable privilege of never being compelled in argument to draw your proofs from any other source than the Holy Scriptures, nor to defend any thing else as the rule of your faith & practice. In this view, you will rejoice in the liberty wherewith Christ has made you free. Yet would the Committee caution you against saying too much on these points. You will not gain the confidence of the people by mere declarations; for, in no part of the world do assertions, however positive, go for less, than in Western Asia. You must not expect even to be believed, until the people have studied your character and your life, and have thus learned to esteem you as a man, and to confide in you as a disciple of the Lord Jesus.

But your main object will be, <u>to enable the Nestorian church, through the grace of God, to exert a commanding influence in the spiritual regeneration of Asia.</u> The idea of supplying the world fully

with preachers of the Gospel from lands now called Christian, is chimerical. It never will be done. Even our great western valley is compelled to learn, that the main body of its future preachers must be trained upon its own soil. The same is true of the world. Its main stated supply of religious instructors must be indigenous, and not exotic — trained in the midst of the people whom they are to instruct, and belonging to the people. This is a fundamental principle in the operations of the Board under whose direction you are to labor; which you see developed in the Ceylon mission, & beginning to show itself in that of the Sandwich Islands. With the blessing of heaven, the church of Antioch will be re-edified chiefly by means of her own sons. A blow must be aimed at the cause of spiritual ignorance among the people, by imbuing the clergy with a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures; and this grand result must be secured throughout the Syriac church, through the vast region from the shores of the Mediterranean to the mountains of Southern India. At the same time the Scriptures which happily exist entire in the Syriac language, should be freely circulated, & schools established for the education of children. The mission established by the English Church Missionary Society among the Syriac Christians of Malabar, will be in some respects a model for your own. Our object is the same with theirs, & the people are supposed not to be essentially different.

It is not the design of the Committee to embarrass you with minute instructions in reference to a field concerning which they know so little. They can indeed do little more than point you to the object you should have in view, & then leave you to the guidance of that wisdom which cometh from above, and is equally attainable in all parts of the world. You will

need it at every step of your progress, & especially at the outset of your mission. For you commence your mission in circumstances, which are in many respects peculiar, and by no means fully ascertained. The mistakes to which you will be constantly liable, will be unaccompanied with the data by which to calculate their consequences. You will need to be wise in speech, and wise in action; and every day, and every hour of the day, & always, to be kind, frank, patient, condescending, & gentle. The people will be most inclined to converse with you on subjects, upon which you ought to say the least. Let the cross of Christ be your standing theme. To the Jews it is a stumbling block, & to the Greeks foolishness: but still it is a subject always safe to converse upon in the spirit of love, & it is the wisdom of God & the power of God to <u>every one</u> that believeth.

It is proper to caution you to beware, in your personal intercourse with the people, of whatever may be construed as having a political bearing. In their present state of civil depression and discontent, this will often be difficult; but the necessity is imperative, & the duty unquestionable.

While prosecuting your main object, you will feel it to be your duty to inquire for records, that will throw light upon the history of ancient missions in central & eastern Asia. These are properly sought in the Syrian Chronicles, as there is strong reason to believe that the Syriac church, at an early age, carried the gospel into the very heart of China. It is possible, too, that convents among the fastnesses of the Kurdish mountains contain valuable manuscripts of the New Testament in the Syriac language.

With respect to the Mahammedans, and the adherents of the papal church, you will do them good as you have opportunity. Ascertain how

for the sect of papists, called Chaldeans, differs from the Nestorians. Neglected as they are by the mother church at Rome, they may have lost her peculiar antipathy to the word of God, if they ever possessed it, and be willing to receive the Holy Scriptures at your hands. Their origin, language & proximity, will give them a strong claim upon your attention; nor is it probable that you can make much impression upon Mussulmans, until they see more of the genuine fruits of the gospel among its professed believers around them.

But, in the clamor of distress arising from the thousand pitiable objects around you, let not the lessons of experience be forgotten. Concentrated effort is efficient effort. There is such a thing as attempting too much. Many a missionary has attempted such great things, and so many on entering a new field, that he has accomplished little, and perhaps done nothing as he ought to have done. Your surveys may extend over a great surface; but a richer & speedier harvest will crown your labors, if your cultivation is applied to a single field.

The Committee have now finished, dear brethren, a general outline of your duties in the respective fields of your missionary labors. May you, & your beloved partners, be long spared for the work, on which you are about to enter. It is a self denying, but delightful & glorious work. Be faithful unto death; then will you never regret your self consecration to the missionary service, nor the solemn designation of this evening, nor the parting scenes of the approaching embarkation, nor the residence for life in countries remote from home & native land. Nor will you be forgotten. Some of these brethren will follow you, to share in your privations and your toils; and all of them,

wherever dispersed as ministers of the Lord Jesus, will remember you in their prayers, and procure for you the prayers of others. You will be remembered in these halls of sacred science, & in yonder hallowed walks, so dear to yourselves, & to so many of our brethren now far off in heathen lands. Yes & the fathers here will remember you, who have fanned the mission-ionary flame on this holy hill of Zion, ever since it was kindled by Mills & others now in glory: & so will their respected associates; and they will pray for you, & see that the prayers of the saints ascend for you here at the daily sacrifice. And the <u>Church</u> will remember you; for the church has awoke, & is putting on the beautiful garments of her priesthood unto God, & never more will she cease to pray for the spiritual renovation of the world. Long has she lain in the dust; but she will lay there no longer; for the set time to favor her is come, the time of her redemption, & of the worlds illumination. No, the devoted servant of Jesus Christ, who, from his love to his Master & to the souls of men, ventures his life upon the high places of the field, need fear no more that he shall be forgotten by the church; and to him especially appertains the blessedness of that sublime promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

In behalf & by order of the Prudential Committee.

(Signed) R. Bellows
R. Anderson
David Greene } Com.

Missionary Rooms, Boston,
Sept 7. 1833.

Postscript to Instructions given to Ceylon Missionaries.

Mr. Eckard was providentially prevented from accompanying the other brethren in the Israel, and goes by way of Calcutta, in the captain accompanied by Mr. Minor, who has since received the appointment of missionary printer. — It is the expectation of the Committee that Mr. Eckard will be connected with the Seminary, of which Mr. Poor is Principal, and instruct in the natural sciences, or some of them, and probably in the original language of the Holy Scriptures. This institution is the central point in the mission; and the demand created, by an intimate relation to it, for a deportment, conversation, and conduct in all respects worthy of imitation, will be most imperative. Mr. Eckard will make it his first business to acquire a thorough knowledge of the Tamul language, so that he may be speedily fitted to discharge the several duties, which shall be assigned him by the mission. — Mr. Minor will have the charge of the Printing Establishment, under the general direction of the mission; with the two-fold object, of printing for the perusal of the natives, and of teaching them to print for themselves. Should the system of manual labor be introduced into the Seminary, Mr. Minor will doubtless be able to contribute essentially to its success; and upon him, in process of time, will naturally devolve many of the secular cares of the station.

That these brethren and their partners, with those who are already on their way, & those who have been long in the field, may be prosperous & happy in their united labors among the heathen, is the fervent prayer of the Prudential Committee.

In behalf & by order of the Prudential Committee.

B. B. Wisner
R. Anderson } Secretaries
D. Greene

Missionary Rooms, Boston,
August 29. 1833.

Mr. E. S. Minor } Missionary Room, Boston,
New Haven } Sept 7. 1833.

My dear Sir,

We have just received your letter to Dr Wisner, stating that you have made your arrangements to be here on Tuesday evening.

Owing to some circumstances in relation to the Dover, with which I believe you are acquainted, it is settled that you & Mr. Eckard will not go in her. Another ship is expected in daily, and will return immediately to India. Most probably your passage will be made in that vessel. At any rate, there is no necessity for coming to Boston till you hear from us. Should you leave New Haven, however, you will please inform me, that we may know where letters will find you.

Dr. Wisner & myself are on the point of starting for Andover, so that I can add no more except to desire affectionate regards to Mrs. Minor, & to assure you that I am very affectionately yours

R. Anderson Sec. of the Board.

Rev. Daniel Temple, } Missionary Room
Malta. } Boston Sept 10. 1833.

My Dear Brother,

Mr. Hallock informs me that the furniture for his Infant School has somewhat involved him in debt. As Mrs. H. had better have a Greek Infant School at Smyrna, I recommend that you purchase for the Board such a part of that apparatus as can be made useful at Smyrna.

My amanuensis is away, the meeting of the Board is close at hand, & I am not ready for it, & my broken right arm almost refuses to write. I must be brief.

Your letters of March 14, April 5, June 14, June 12, June 28, June 20, are before me. You leave me only one thing to regret, & that is, the want of a regular report concerning your prep to be laid before the Board. Remember us in future.

Mr. Smith & his excellent wife can tell you so many things, that I need not enlarge. The past has been a very prosperous year with us, through divine mercy; — our receipts nearly $150,000. What we need specially to pray for is laborers for the harvest, & humble devoted zeal in all who engage in this holy work, whether at home or abroad.

But I am compelled to stop, after desiring affectionate regards from Mrs. A. & myself to Mrs. Temple, & assuring you that I am very sincerely your friend & brother,

(signed) R. Anderson

Sec'y &c.

Mr. Homan Hallock, Malta, } Missionary Rooms, Boston, Sept 10, 1833.

My Dear Sir,

I am just beginning to use my right hand a little, but almost the whole of the great amount of writing which has devolved on me the last two months has been done by dictation. I am not prepared for the meeting of the Board, & have to leave for that meeting in three days. My arm was broken by the overturning of the stage. I wish you would say to the friends who desired the books which were not received, that we feel confident the memorandum was placed in the hands of the man we employ to make & ship our purchases, and we know not how the mistake happened. Mr. Hill will attend to them now. I will endeavor to get a moment tomorrow

to select the "nice little book" you request, but cannot do as well as if I had met with no accident to embarrass me in my business.

You thought more about my silence in respect to Mrs. Hallock's Infant School than the occasion authorized. My knowledge of the precise nature and design of the school was so imperfect, that I hardly knew then what I ought to say. I am glad to hear that the institution has been so prosperous & useful. On your arrival in Smyrna, I hope Mrs. Hallock will be able to get up a flourishing Greek Infant school. She shall have all the aid she needs in the way of apparatus, &c. I shall request Mr. Chapman to send out some by this vessel. I am persuaded we must make great use of Infant & primary schools in all our missions; and this is a department for female labor.

I see your letters on Malta are forthcoming in the Journal of Commerce. I thought at one time that your brothers would send them forth in a volume.

We are greatly pleased with the prospect of introducing the X. press into Turkey; but the Lord may see fit to disappoint us. We can try in his strength. The preacher and the press must go every where; & of course the printer, for what is the press without a printer?

Mrs. A. desires affectionate regards to Mrs. H. & your family. So do I, and remain very truly yours,

R. Anderson Sec'y &c

P.S. It seems very proper that the Board should purchase the furniture of your school for an Infant school at Smyrna. — I think I mentioned the subject of Mary Ann's coming to this

country to your brother Wm. A.; and if so, he has no doubt written you. Whatever negociation is made in providing a place for her, had better be done by one of the family. The sum allowed to children sent to this country hitherto, when needed, has been 40 dollars a year. Mary Ann would be entitled to that equally with any other one of our great & interesting family of missionary children.

Missionary Room, Boston,
Sept 11. 1833.

Dear Brethren,

Our dear brother Smith, who returns to you with all joy, accompanied by a wife of like spirit, will explain to you why I am obliged to write you so briefly.

The following letters are to be acknowledged viz. Messrs Bird & Whiting Jany 1833.
" Br. Wm Thomson & Dodge, March 25. 1833.
Mr Bird, Decr. 13, 1832.
Mr Whiting, Nov 14, 1832.
Do at sea, April 26, 1833.
Messrs Thomson & Dodge, Malta, Dec 8. 1832.
Mr. Thomson, Malta, Jany 15, —
Do March 22, 1833
Do May 11, 1833
Do May 17. —

The interest of your mission is manifestly on the increase. The political revolution, the news from Damascus, & from Jerusalem, the labors of certain christians at Beyroot, the X. & dying scene of Wortabet, the prospective introduction of the press into Syria, the contemplated establishment of a school of the prophets — all are interesting. Let us praise the Lord, & take courage.

I have some fears that Mr. Tod is rash at Damascus. I admire the combination of boldness & discretion in the apostle Paul. Yet

precisely what course of conduct would be discreet in such a place as Damascus, I do not feel very competent to determine.

Our receipts last year amounted to upwards of 145,000 dollars; I mean the year ending Aug. 31: but where shall we find the men! Brother Smith will tell you all the news. I am obliged to close with affectionate regards to your partners and assurances of esteem & strong fraternal regards;

R. Anderson Sec. &c.

American Missionaries in Syria.

To the Brethren at Constantinople.

Missionary Rooms, Boston, Sept. 11. 1833.

Dear Brethren,

Mr. Perkins will explain to you why I can write only a few words. — The following letters lie before me to be acknowledged; viz. from Mr. Goodell, Jan. 6, to Tract Society, a copy.

" " " Jan. 16 – Ap. 24 – May 31 – Ap. 18 –

" " " May 10 – Dec. 28. 1832. – Dec. 31. 1832 –

" " – Cor.e with Mr. Leeves, No. 30.

" Mr. Dwight, May 27 – Ap. 26 – Ap. 19 – March 3.

" Mr. Schauffler, Oct. 6, 1832. – Jan. 10, 1833 – Jan. 27 –

" " " Feb 9, 1833. – April 22 –

I believe the requests in your letters have all been attended to. I spoke to Prof. Stuart about Buxtorf's Rabbinic Bible, & got Dr. Wisner to say more: I hope he will bring it down tomorrow. Crocker & Brewster have sent all the books due Mr Schauffler, which they have received.

Mr. Hill remits $1,000 to Mr. Dwight for schools to be established among the Armenians by Mr. Dittrick. Perhaps it should be remitted in portions; but of this Mr. Dwight can judge. The Resolution contains the chief points requiring attention,

and I wish Mr. Dwight would say so to Mr. Dittrich, & would say whatever else he deems important.— The appropriation for the printing of books was meant to be limited to $1,000 though I believe that was not stated in the resolution as forwarded to Mr. Dt. Please mention this fact to Mr. Dittrich.

The Committee have appropriated a $1000 to Messrs. Goodell & Dwight for schools the present year in & around Constantinople, & among the Greeks & Armenians. You can take $1500 if necessary. You know that a $1000 were appropriated early in the year 1832. Be economical, be prudent, but be energetic. Make the people do all they can for themselves; and especially build their own schoolhouses. Human nature is so depraved, that generally speaking, the more we do for people the less thankful they are, & the less they love us. And then it is so easy to excite the jealousies of an ignorant & superstitious people.

I hope you will make the most of Mr. Paspati. Please present my affectionate regards to him.

How discouraging a Jewish mission is, when we look simply at the means! And yet there is no people under heaven, which has so many promises in store: and the Lord liveth & reigneth & cannot lie. Therefore will we hope & rejoice. It is worth while to consider whether a Seminary could be established for the Jews on a small scale, with advantage.

I refer you to Mr. Perkins for news, &c. You will aid him in his studies all you can, and Mr. Schauffler especially, who, I believe, has some acquaintance with the Syriac.— I rejoice & give thanks in view of the prospect

of Mrs. Goodell's recovery. Love to all. Most truly but in haste, your friend & brother,

R. Anderson Secy &c

Boston, U.S.A. Sept 9. 1833.

Sir,

Permit me to commend to your advice & protection the Rev. Justin Perkins, a missionary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, to the Nestorians of Oormiah. He goes at the recommendation of the Revd Messrs. Smith & Dwight, who visited that people in the Spring of 1831, & whose kind reception by yourself & the other gentlemen of the British Embassy to Persia placed them & our Society under great obligations. It is the intention of our Board, should Providence permit, to place two married missionaries among the Nestorians of Oormiah, & to have one of them, if possible, a physician; & the object of the mission will be by the judicious use of appropriate means to revive the knowledge & spirit of the Gospel among that people.

We have great confidence in the judgment, ability, piety, & general qualifications of Mr. Perkins for this important mission, & are anxious to procure an associate for him of equal worth.

Any favor which you may find it proper & convenient to bestow on him & his associates, will be very gratefully received by them, & will be thankfully acknowledged by the Board of Missions

I am, Sir
with great respect,
your obt servt.

Sir John N. R. Campbell
H. B. M. Embassador at the Court of Persia.

R. Anderson Secy &c

Rev. William Ramsay
Secretary of the Bombay Mission

Missionary Room, Boston Sept 13 1833

Dear Brother

I write this letter at the request of Mr. Anderson, he being unable as yet to write with his recently broken right arm, & being very much occupied & hurried in dictating his part of the Report of the Prudential Committee to be made to the Board at its annual meeting to be held in Philadelphia on the 18th instant. You will be gratified, with your brethren in the mission, to know that the Foreign mission cause has been greatly prospered during the year. The missionary spirit has greatly increased in this country. The receipts of the Board have been $145,844.77 ($15,270.65, more than the preceding year); and this amount of receipts added to the balance in the treasury at the close of the preceding year, has given $152,522.41. of funds at the disposal of the Committee during the year. The expenditures have been $149,906.27. — In addition to these disbursements, there have passed through the treasury of the Board, from other benevolent societies, to aid in printing and circulating the Scripture & Religious tracts, &c. $17,920; making an amount expended the past year for the promotion of the work of foreign missions, in connexion with the Board and its missions, of $167,826.27. The Com^ee have, during the year, sent forth men to commence three new missions — among the Nestorians of Persia, in the Indian Archipelago, & in Patagonia, in South America; and have sent forth 49 additional missionaries & assistant missionaries. They have determined on two more new missions — both in Africa, — & several new stations, & will very shortly send forth several other missionaries. And a considerably large portion of the members of Seminaries & Colleges preparing for the ministry have foreign missions in view, than heretofore; & some clergymen are inquiring whether it is not their duty, even yet, to go to the Heathen. The prospects are that there will be a greater advance in every respect the coming year.

By the same conveyance that carries this,

we send a copy of the general letter prepared by Mr Anderson June 29 1833; which was to have been sent by Mr. Allen, but in the hurry of his getting off the morning he sailed, was not handed to him. It was sent by a vessel that sailed soon after for Calcutta. A copy is now sent, that it may not fail of reaching you. We trust the resolutions of the Comte in relation to the translation of the Scriptures into Mahratta will be acceptable to the mission, and that its members will do all they can to have the object contemplated accomplished as well, & as speedily as possible. We would reiterate, with renewed emphasis, the suggestion in the general letter of which a copy accompanies this, that the mission devote a special attention to the preparation & circulation of the Scriptures & of religious tracts. The state of things in this country imperiously demands this, & so, if we are not greatly mistaken, does the state of things in India. Mr. Allen will, we trust, have arrived again at Bombay in safety before this reaches you, & you will have learned from him the special object which the Comte wish him to prosecute. His instructions, which he will have shown to you, will have informed you that his relation to the mission will be the same as heretofore; his employment only, & his allowance for expenses, to be somewhat different. The other members of the mission will not feel that his being specially devoted to the work of circulating the Scriptures & religious tracts may supersede in any degree their efforts in the same department; we hope it will rather facilitate them, and contribute to their increase. Indeed we strongly feel that, in every department, it is desirable that your missionary work should be pushed forward; that you should aim at and expect results, under the divine blessing, to cheer your own hearts, and all that are interested in the progress of Christian missions. The Directors of the London Missionary Society have published to

the world that "Idolatry is not long to be the religion of India". And the facts they have given in connection with this statement seem to warrant the opinion. Christians in this country are expecting the speedy occurrence in that interesting country of decisive changes in favor of pure Christianity; & they are, of course, looking for them in connection with their mission, as well as with others, there. The Lord give you strength, and wisdom, & fidelity & zeal, & faith, & blessing, to be the instruments of meeting all their reasonable expectations. But here I think, and you think, of your weakness, from the thinning of your ranks by death & sickness. We feel deeply for you in regard to this particular. And we are directing special attention to your relief in this respect, by sending to your mission additional laborers. We feel that it is of the utmost importance to send you men of superior talents & character. Such we are looking for; and some such we hope to find, & send by a year from this fall. There is a much larger proportion of the classes in the Theological Seminaries that now become Seniors that have decided to be foreign missionaries, than there were in the classes that have just left or are leaving the Institutions; & among the former are some very fine young men, that will do well at Bombay or anywhere else. We are also, at this time, in negotiation with a young settled clergyman of very superior character & yet unmarried, about going to Bombay; & there is a probability that he will conclude to go. You may calculate, I think, that a respectable reinforcement to your mission will leave this country next fall.

Mr. Anderson requests me to acknowledge the receipt, on the 14th. Ult., of your & Mr. Stone's letter of March 27 1833, & of your Journal addressed to your sister under date of March 25 1833; & say that he was much pleased with them. He will send the Journal to your friends, as requested, after publishing the

greater part of it in the Herald. We hope you & other missionaries will remember that the Herald is the chief instrument of exciting & sustaining the missionary spirit in this country, and will do what you can to render it effective. – We were also greatly pleased with your printed Report of your mission. It was got up in a business style, and does your much credit, not only in that respect, but also in the exhibit it makes of your mission. A similar document from you annually will be highly useful.

At the same time with your letter & Journal was received a long letter from Mr. Boggs, containing, besides other things, a proposal for the establishment of a seminary or seminaries for the education of native teachers &c. The Board have maturely considered the subject. The result I have communicated to Mr Boggs in a letter which will be enclosed in this envelope, that you & your brethren at Bombay may read it, and then forward it to him. It would be well also to transmit to him & Mr. Reed the information contained in former parts of this letter. The Lord bless you and your families & associates, & sustain & prosper you greatly in your good work.

Affectionately Yours
B B Wisner

P. S. Mrs. Graves' health has somewhat improved since he has been in this country; but he is yet far from well. Mrs. G. is very well. They will spend this winter at the South. Mr. G. is doing what he can revising the Marhatta New Testament. He hopes to be ready to return to Bombay next summer or fall. I saw Mrs. Garrett at Utica N.Y. a few weeks since. She & her children were well.

Rev. Messrs Read & Boggs } Missionary Room, Boston Sept 13 1833
Ahmednuggur } Dear brethren

I this day write a letter to Mr. Ramsay as Secretary of the mission, containing some information of a general character which will be interesting to you, and which I have desired him to transmit to you. I write to him & to you, instead of Mr. Anderson, because he is yet unable to write with his recently broken right arm & is very much occupied and hurried in dictating his part of the Report of the Prudential Comte to be made to the Board at its annual meeting to be held in Philadelphia on the 18th inst.

We, and Christians generally in this country, have been greatly aided and encouraged by the intelligence of what the Lord has done for you & by you at Ahmednuggur. To his grace be all the praise. How evidently in answer to prayer? What encouragement for Christians to plead for a blessing on missionaries, and for missionaries to labor for the conversion of the perishing immortals to whom they have been sent? We hope you, & your valuable & esteemed native assistant, will go on laboring faithfully, and in the spirit of dependance on divine aid, and expecting a continuance of divine blessing. Present our affectionate Christian salutations to your native helpers, & to the converts you have embodied in your little church. The Lord keep them in the way of faith & holiness and eternal life, & make them to shine as heavenly lights in the thick darkness all around, and cause that they prove to have been only the first fruits of a great & abundant harvest.

We have a suggestion in relation to the communication to this country of intelligence of such events, and others of an interesting character, in regard to your mission. It is of great importance that the influence that may come upon the churches here from their missions among the Heathen, should come through the Board & its Prudential Comte; which will be chiefly, by means of the Missionary Herald, their principal organ of communication to the churches. You will

perceive at once, that it is of great importance that the work should be as interesting as possible, and should be looked to by the churches as the chief source of missionary information, where the latest intelligence from our station among the heathen will be found. We do not wish in any degree to interfere with your writing often & fully to your friends in this country, & communicating to them any interesting information you have to give. But you should also keep us regularly informed of your proceedings & progress, & furnished as far as possible with the means of giving to the churches a regular account of what the Lord is doing with you & by you: & when any thing of special interest occurs, like the removal in the Poor House at Amoiungqua on the first of January last, and the subsequent organization of a church there, we would suggest whether it would not be most proper, in view of the consideration above referred to, that the first intelligence of them should be communicated to the Missionary Rooms. If you write at the same time to friends, it would be well to allude in a general way to the occurrences, & say, that you have communicated the particulars to the Missionary Rooms, and they will no doubt see them in the Herald. The object of these remarks is, not to enjoin any thing; but to make suggestion, merely, and leave a decision upon them to your judgment & view of propriety.

On the 14th Ult. we received Mr. Boggs's letter of the 15th of March last written when Mr. Read was absent from Amoiungqua. At a recent meeting of the Comte Mr. Anderson brought up the subject, presented by Mr. Boggs, of establishing a Seminary or Seminaries for the instruction of native teachers &c. We have for sometime been impressed with, and several times spoken of, the desirableness of such an institution in connexion with your mission. The result of the deliberations of the Comte on the subject is thus recorded in their minutes. A communication

from the Rev. Mr. Boggs, of the Bombay mission, recommending the establishment of a boarding school for the education of teachers, catechists & other native assistants, in connexion with the mission, having been laid before the Comte; Resolved that the Comte approve of the establishment of such a school, provided the mission shall determine the measure to be expedient; the location to be in the interior, at such place as the Mission shall designate; the expense for building, & steward, cook &c. & the support of twenty five scholars, for the first year, not to exceed eighteen hundred dollars." While we feel the importance of such a school, & that more than one may be desirable, and indispensable before long; we feel that it is best to begin in a small, economical way; & therefore to begin with but one; and to wait till the experiment is pretty well tried with that, before another is established, if called for; & that one we are fully satisfied should be in the interior. And in all the arrangements we wish economy to be consulted. Could you not get along awhile at first, without building? If you can not, we wish you to build at first but a portion of the edifice you may hope ultimately to want, building so that an addition can be conveniently made. The sum we have specified was predicated on the statements of Mr. Boggs, that "a boy may be fed and clothed for 45 or 50 cents a week. [This seems to be a large sum for India] Supposing it would cost the latter sum, 650 dollars will support a school of 25 boys for a year. A house in which they ~~might~~ may be instructed might be built for $500. It would be better, however, to build one which would cost a $1000, as it would also serve for a chapel." And in his letter to Mr. Hill (which I have not at hand) he speaks of the necessity of a steward & cook, & the expense of them — not a great sum. We have stated the proviso "that the Mission shall determine the measure to be expedient," because it is proper that they should approve of the measure before it is commenced. And to them we refer the location, for a similar reason, only directing that it be

"in the interior". And now, is it probable Mr. Boggs can do more good than by devoting himself to such a school, if one shall be established, & flourish? We decide not on the question, nor give an opinion; but only suggest the inquiry.— The usefulness of Rabyee, & the experience of the Ceylon Mission, show how much benefit will be likely to be derived from such a training of native catechists, teachers &c. as you contemplate. The Lord give you wisdom in adopting & prosecuting all your plans, preserve your lives & health, & give you courage & strength & faith in prosecuting your work, and crown your labors yet more & more with his blessing.

Affectionately Yours B B Wisner

P.S. We send this letter unsealed enclosed in the one to Mr. Ramsay, that the brethren at Bombay may read, & then seal & forward it to you. Could you not have the boys in your contemplated work a part of their time, & thus diminish expense?

Rev. Mr. Medhurst, Missionary Rooms Boston Sept 13 1833
Batavia

My Dear Sir

We take the liberty to trouble you with the care of a few letters & parcels for our brethren Munson & Lyman, who possibly may be near you, & Robinson & Johnson, destined to Siam. They go in the Emily Taylor, John Hooper Jr. Supercargo; & are four in number, the larger consisting of pamphlets, & the smaller of letters. There is also one for yourself, containing copies of the Missionary Herald &c.

I am Dear Sir
with great esteem most truly Yours
R Anderson

Rev. Mess. Charles Robinson & Stephen Johnson American Missionaries to Siam

Missionary Rooms Boston Sept 14 1833

Dear Brethren

The ship Emily Taylor master, John Hooper Jr. Supercargo, is advertised to sail from this port on the 25th inst. for Batavia, Manilla & Canton. Mr. Anderson is unable to write, himself yet, having been overturned in a stage soon after you left & broken his right arm, which is now nearly well, but he has still to do all his writing by dictation. And we are all very much pressed, to get ready to set off on Monday (day after tomorrow) to the meeting of the Board at Phila. Yet it will not do to let this opportunity pass without sending you a short letter at least, and the time the vessel is advertised to sail will have elapsed before any of us get back from Philadelphia. A letter must therefore be written today.

We, and many others have thought much of you & with deep interest, & remembered you in our prayers, since you left us. We trust the Lord has mercifully cared you to be borne on your voyage in safety. Where this will find you, we do not know. We send it to the care of Mr. Medhurst, to be forwarded to you. We trust it will find you and your companions well, and with good prospects of usefulness to the poor heathen to whom you have gone. Mr Abeel did not find things so favorable on his last visit to Bankok as before. He fears that the government of Siam will decidedly oppose the introduction of Protestant Christianity. We trust you will not be prosecuted. We fervently pray you may not be prevented from prosecuting your work. If hindered from prosecuting it in one way, you must attempt it in another. The blessed object of giving the Gospel to Siam must not be relinquished, while any method can be pursued for accomplishing it. The Lord protect, guide, comfort, & carry you forward successfully in your work.

Mr. Robinson's things were received soon after you sailed. On the 20th of June, Mr Chapman shipped on board the ship Florence, Meek, for Batavia,

directed to the Rev. C Robinson, care of Rev. Mr. Medhurst Batavia, No 1 & 2, two barrels received from Albany; No 3 One half barrel, do; No 4 to 6, three boxes; No 7, One chest; No 8, One trunk; No 9, one small box of surgical instruments & one glass lantern. Also one bundle, part of a flute & one spool of thread taken out of a box & left. —

We send you by the conveyance that carries this, letters that have been received at the Rooms for you since you left, the Missionary Herald for July, August, & September, &c.

We are all well. Remember us affectionately to your companions. There is nothing new of importance since you left us. The results with our Board, as to pecuniary affairs, this year are — receipts $145,844.77; being $15,270.65 more than the receipts of the year before. The receipts added to the balance in the Treasury at the beginning of the year give $152,522.41 of funds at the disposal of the Board during the year. The expenditures have been $149,906.27. In addition to these disbursements there have passed through the treasury of the Board, from other Societies to aid in printing & circulating tracts in connexion with its missions $17,920. — Making an amount expended the last year, for the work of foreign missions in connexion with the Board & its missions $167,826.27. The Missionaries and Assistant Missionaries sent forth have been 49. The missionary spirit continues to advance in this country. You must be discreet, but you may lay your plans on a liberal scale, for the churches will furnish the means of executing them.

In haste Affectionately yours
B B Wisner

Rev Mess Saml Munson & Henry Lyman Am Missionaries in the Indian Archipelago

Missionary Rooms Boston
Sept 14 1833 —

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We & many others, have thought much of you, & with deep interest, & remembered you in our prayers, since you left us. We trust the Lord has mercifully caused you to be borne on your voyage in safety. Where this will find you we do not know, most probably still in Batavia. We send it, with other letters that have come to the Room for you, the Herald & Jewel since you left, &c. to the care of Mr Medhurst. We trust it will find you and your companions well, & with good prospects in regard to the good and arduous work to which you have devoted yourselves. The Lord keep, guide, comfort, & abundantly bless you in it.

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We are all well. Remember us affectionately to your companions. In haste. Yours with affection B B Wisner

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Oct. 2, 1833.

Mr. Stephen R. Wyncoop.
Philadelphia.

Wrote informing him of his appointment as an associate to Mr. Wilson in the W. African mission. Sent him also a ~~Cert~~ Certificate.

Oct. 2. 1833.

Rev. J. Leighton Wilson,
Philadelphia.

Sent him a certificate of his being a mis.y of the Board.

Rev. Jonas King
Rev. Elias Riggs,
at Athens

Oct. 2, 1833.

Wrote them by the Brig Triumph. Referred to the case of Athens. Expressed doubts as to the expediency of attempting a college, & suggested Mr. Riggs's removing to Argos, or some other place in the Peloponnesus.

Rev. Jonas Perkins.
Constantinople. } Oct. 2, 1833.
By Brig Triumph sent him his Instructions, & a letter of introduction to Sir John Campbell, Embassador at the Court of Persia.

Rev. Eli Smith,
Beyrout, Syria. } Oct. 3. 1833.
Wrote him a few lines, by big Triumph.

Rev. Geo. B. Whiting
Constantinople. } Oct. 3. 1833.
Wrote him a few lines by big Triumph.

Rev. Dand. Temple
Smyrna. } Oct. 3. 1833.
Wrote him a few lines by big Triumph.

Mr. Richard J. Vandenneep,
Smyrna. } Oct. 4. 1833.
Wrote him respecting his brothers by big Triumph, stating the reasons why Mr. Hill had advanced 75 dollars on their account.

Rev. Thomas P. Johnston,
Prince Edward C. H. Va. } Oct. 4. 1833
Wrote him in answer to his letter of Sep. 23.

Rev. Prof. Hitchcock,
Amherst, Mass. } Oct. 4, 1833.
Wrote him in regard to H. J. & G. A. Van Denneep, commending them to his care.

Mr. F. Tolles,
Hartford Con.

Oct. 4, 1833.

Wrote him in reply to his letter of ~~Sept. 2~~ Oct. 3. —

Mr. Stephen R. Wyncoop
Pownbugh Bucks Co. Pa.

Phila. Sept. 24 1833

My Dear Sir.

In view of the exigency of the case, and the wishes of our Prudential Comte that Mr. Wilson should have an associate in his mission to Western Africa, Dr. Wisner & myself have assumed the responsibility of inviting you to accompany Mr. Wilson, not doubting but the Comte will approve the measure.

The engagement, both on your part & on ours, will terminate on your return to this country next summer. You will be entitled to such a personal outfit as Mr. Wilson receives, to your travelling expenses in prosecuting the mission marked out in the Instructions given to Mr. Wilson, & to one hundred dollars on your return should you think it your duty then to resume your theological studies. These Instructions you will see copied into the Philadelphian for the present week.

Mr. Wilson & myself returned from Baltimore today. He may be expected to sail within 3 or 4 weeks from that city.

Should you, in a prayerful consideration of the subject, conclude to engage in this mission, I will thank you to write Mr. Wilson, care of Dr. Ely of this city, & also to myself at the Miss Y. Room, Boston. Indeed we shall of course wish to hear from you, whatever may be your decision.

I have written you these few lines because it seemed proper that you should have the subject before you in writing. Dr. Wisner will remain in this city for a week or ten days longer, and can, of course, give you any further information necessary to your making up your judgment —

Praying the Lord to guide you, I am, my dear sir, in great haste very truly yours
R Anderson

Mr J Leighton Wilson &
Mr Stephen R. Wynkoop } ~~Oct 5 1833~~ The following postscript was added to the instructions given to these Gentlemen which are published in the Missionary Herald of November—

"P.S. Philadelphia Oct 4 1833. It having since the date & delivery of the above instructions, been determined that Mr Stephen R. Wynkoop, of Broomsburg, Penn. is to accompany Mr. Wilson as an associate in his exploring visit to Western Africa, the following directions are added, in behalf of the Prudential Comte. Mr. Wynkoop will govern himself by the above instructions, addressed to Mr. Wilson. Each will keep a journal of occurrences and observations, noting his own impressions & views. From a comparison of the views and impressions thus recorded, they will make a joint report to the Prudential Comte., on their return to this country. And each will, at the same time, furnish the Comte a copy of his journal.

"B B Wisner Secy of A.B.C.F.M."

Mr John P. Adger } Missionary Rooms Boston Oct 10 1833
Charleston S C } My Dear Sir

Our Comte on Tuesday evening authorised you to act as an agent of the Board in South Carolina and Georgia. The resolution specifies six months, as we presume that is as long a time as you will desire to continue your agency; but the time can very easily be prolonged, if necessary. I have to day sent a sealed certificate to Dr Wisner, to be by him forwarded to you, after it has received his signature. I presume he will also give you some written hints on the subject of your agency. A

considerable quantity of missionary papers have been selected to send you by the first packet, to the care of Mr. Tyler.

The Board have taken no step in respect to the precise field of your future labors. My own impression is, that it had better be somewhere in Asia Minor; that you should proceed to Smyrna so as to arrive at the close of the summer heat, and spend the autumn and winter there studying some one of the languages of the country, & laboring in connection with Mr. Temple, who, you know, is about proceeding to that place with a part of the Malta printing establishment; that meanwhile you will be able to decide, and without experiencing any loss of time, whether you shall remain permanently at Smyrna, or whether some other post will be more advantageous. Perhaps you will find the heat of Smyrna too great in summer; if so, there will be other positions to which you can very easily remove. Your best time for leaving your native land will be July, but if there is a favorable opportunity in June, I should advise you not to lose it. We should prefer to have you embark at Boston.

In respect to the kind of outfit, you have only to think what is usually worn in Charleston, and you know what kind of clothing to obtain. Of furniture but little need to be carried; and indeed most articles of apparel can very well be obtained at Smyrna. I believe you have already a large library. I have secured for you the only copy of Rosenmuller's Arabic Grammar, which Crocker & Brewster had remaining.

In great haste, but wishing you great prosperity in your agency I am very truly

Your friend & brother

R Anderson

Rev. Wm Ramsey Jr } Missionary Rooms Boston Oct 22 1833
Bombay Mission } Dear Brethren

The accompanying letter from Brother Winer was written with the expectation of its going before this time.

I now transmit to you a code of byelaws for your mission as lately approved by the Prudential Committee. They will be found to differ somewhat from the code transmitted by Mr. Ramsey as Secretary of the mission. You will see how far they cover the same ground with your "System of Regulations". You will find the subjects of a number of your "Bye laws" included. Compare Art. 8 of the revised code with your No 2 of the Bye Laws: the allowance now made is the same as was contemplated by the committee when they agreed to your system of allowances, and the same as Mr. Allen now has in his travels. Compare Art. 6 with your 5th compare 7 with 6. The Comee disapprove of your art. 8 of the Byelaws on the ground that such a rule is objectionable in principle: you aught to have an allowance sufficient to enable you to enjoy the occasional luxury of hospitality. Compare Art. 9th with your 10th, & Art. 10th with your 11th. The Comee are fully decided in opinion, that it is not a good rule to have deposits made in the mission treasury on interest: such deposits they think ought to be made elsewhere. Mr. Hill will write you on the subject of exchange.

Should not the byelaws be found to work well in practice, it will be desirable that the Comee receive speedy information of the fact; for the principles and rules which become settled in the older missions are applied to the missions of more recent origin, so far as the circumstances are similar. And this is one reason why the

Com^ee are so slow to sanction your system of allowance and your bye-laws, & why they are so anxious to render them just what they ought to be.

Messrs Townsend & Smyttan have been elected corresponding members of the Board, & I shall enclose certificates to them of their election, & also one for Mr. Hanish, not being sure that one was sent him last year. We regretted that you did not send us the christian name of Dr. Smyttan please forward it when you write next.

The Com^ee have adopted a resolution concerning the 3 Cor. members, which I will append to this letter.

Since the date of Dr Wisner's letter, we have received Mr. Ramsey's Journal from Jany. 1 to May 28 — Mr Read's journals, previous to his departure for the Hills, with his letter of April 10th & May 15 from the Hills; and Mr. Sampson's journal of his voyage to Calcutta.

The death of Rabaffe is a sore affliction. From what evil that would have come he was taken away, no one can tell; but that good is in reserve for the mission, I feel more strongly assured than ever I was before. May you have grace to labor & faint not.

We shall send out a quantity of books before long, as suggested in a letter received from Mr. Boggs, & referred to in Dr. Wisner's letter.

My broken arm has nearly recovered. I have had this benefit from it, that I learned to write by dictation, which a man will seldom do unless he is obliged to, and wrote as much in that way as I ever did in the same time in my life. I renewed the fracture 5 or 6 weeks after it was made. It was of the Lord's mercy that my life was spared in the overturning of the stage.

Desiring ever an interest in your prayers, I am

Dear Brethren,
very affy & truly Yours
R. Anderson

Rev. Myron Winslow Secy &c.
His brethren
Missionary Rooms, Boston,
Oct. 22. 1833.

Dear Brethren,

Your joint letter of Jany. 30th. was recd. on the 14th. of August, & was immediately laid before the Committee, who very tenderly sympathise with Mr. Winslow & the mission in the bereavement, which forms the principal subject of that letter. At the same meeting it was resolved to approve of the arrangement made by the mission, in view of this event, by which Mr. Winslow makes the visit to this Country instead of Mr. Meigs.

Mr. Hill will give you information of the conditional agreement which has been made with the owners of the Ship Shepherdess, Capt. Ward, which takes out Mr. Eckard, Mr. Minor & their wives. Capt. Ward is pious, a member of the Baptist Church, & appears to be a very lovely man.

We are well satisfied with the reasons which detained Mr. Eckard at Philadelphia, & prevented his going in the Israel. He takes with him a variety of apparatus for the Seminary. Our understanding is that Mr. Eckard will be connected with the Seminary, sustaining to it a relation analagous to that of a professor in our Colleges, & to instruct in the original languages of the Bible, & in chemistry, electricity, mechanics and various branches in natural history. In this the Committee have been governed by their understanding of your letter; & they have been careful not to encroach upon the departments which were known or supposed to be already provided for; as, for instance, mathematics, geometry, geography, astronomy; natural & revealed religion; pastoral theology; the particular guardianship of the young men; & the presiding influence in the administration of the seminary. The remarks made in my letter by the Israel, in respect to Mr. Eckard's connection with the seminary, were made in the belief that he would be present when the letter was laid before the mission, and when the division of duties

was made among all the brethren. I have since read that part of the letter to him. (printed on p. 414.)

Missionary Rooms
Boston Oct. 23. 1833.

Dear Sir,

I enclose a certificate which will inform you, that you have been elected a corresponding member of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. I trust the liberty we have taken will so fall in with your views of duty, that you will consent to accept the appointment and take upon yourself the few, though important, duties, which are implied in this relation.

In consequence of this election, the Prudential Committee, which is the executive Committee of the Board, has unanimously agreed upon the following Resolution; viz.

"Resolved, - That the Corresponding Members of the Board in the Mahratta country be requested to correspond with the Secretaries of the Board, in respect to the state & prospects of the Bombay Mission; & that they be further requested to give their advice to the Mission in respect to any matters which the Mission may submit to them for this purpose."

We do, therefore, dear Sir, respectfully ask the favor of your correspondence & opinion in respect to whatever you may deem important to our Mission among the Mahrattas; and also the benefit of your counsels to our missionaries in their arduous & often perplexing labors.

We shall send you a copy of our last annual Report as soon as published; & that you may the more readily perceive what kind of information we need, I enclose with this a printed Circular - which has been sent to all our missionaries beyond sea.

I am, Dear Sir, with great respect,
Your fellow laborer in the Gospel

(remainder of letter to Rev. Myron Winslow) I have no doubt but his usefulness will be essentially promoted by the connection with the Seminary already described.

It affords us very great pleasure to be able to send out four more such helpers, that you will be able to extend to them the cordial right hand of fellowship. The company which left us in the Israel, on the first day of July, are by this time probably not very distant from the interesting field of their future labors.

We are enjoying the usual smiles of heaven. The annual meeting of the Board was an interesting one. The amount of receipts &c. &c. you will learn from the papers. My broken arm has nearly recovered. Having to finish an address for tomorrow evening, to be delivered at Salem, in which I undertake to show missionary societies teach the sciences as well as religion, to the heathen, I can add no more, except to desire a continued interest in your prayers, & assure you of my warmest affections.

R. Anderson. Sec'y. &c. &c.

(Private) Missionary Rooms
Boston Oct. 23. 1833.

My Dear Brother,

The failure of Mr. Eckard to be in Boston in time to proceed in the Israel, made an unfavorable impression on the minds of some of the brethren who went in that vessel. It was somewhat so with us, at first. I ought to say to you — what we have learned from others, & what he will not tell you — that some near relatives were in the fault, & that both himself & wife are entirely exonerated.

You will find him a very amiable associate possessing a quick mind. He is said to acquire languages with readiness, has a more than common taste for natural science. The delay has been a severe trial both to him & his wife.

Mr. Minor appears to me to be just what you want in a printer. His wife I have seen only in company; she is thought to be a very suitable person to accompany him. I believe Warren has entered Amherst College. Prof. Hitchcock

says he has a great desire for an education.

Desiring affec.ⁿ regards to Mr. Poor I am
most truly Yours
R. Anderson

Rev. Daniel Poor,
Jaffna. Ceylon.

Rev Mess Robinson & Johnson, Miss'y Rooms, Boston Oct 26 1833
Siam

Dear Brethren

As Mr Cook is about to embark for Singapore & Siam, as a missionary of the American Baptist Board, I avail myself of this opportunity to write a few lines, & also to send you the pamphlets, &c. which are on hand for you. Dr Winer wrote you by the Emily Taylor, Sept 14th, & pamphlets & letters from friends went by that vessel also, to Batavia, care of Mr Medhurst. Mr Cook goes in the Shepherdess, Capt. Ward, which takes out Mr Eckard, & Mr Minor, a missionary printer, with their wives, to Ceylon. I trust the Shepherdess will bring us letters from all our brethren who sailed in the Duncan. We presume you are now in Java.

The determination of our Baptist brethren to establish a mission in Siam was, as you know, unexpected by us. It was natural, however, and proper that they should wish to aid Burmah on both sides. Judging from a brief interview, I should think you would find Mr & Mrs. Cook very amiable & pleasant companions. Though of different denomination, I trust you will find yourselves to be brethren in Christ, & that there will be no strife among you except that which tendeth to love & good works.

My expectation is, that Doct. Bradley will join you in the course of the next year, though he has not yet received a formal designation to your particular field.

I beseech you all to take good care of your health. Let not anxiety, exposure, or too much seclusion impair it. A grand point with you should be to preserve health: it is not raised as easily in that climate, when once impaired, as it is in our northern regions. I have often thought that fervent piety must be an important means of preserving a missionary's health, as well as promoting his usefulness, by rendering him cheerful and happy in his work.

We shall all greatly desire to know what reception you meet with on first arriving at Bankok. It would not be strange if you should pass through much tribulation on the way to the attainment of your object. Fear not, however, in respect to the final result. The Gospel will triumph in Siam, whether you and I see it or not; and I believe it will at no very distant day.

Pray for my dear brethren.

Desiring affectionate regards to your partner, I am very truly Your friend & brother

R Anderson

Rev. Messrs. ~~Logan~~ Munson & Dyman, Batavia } Oct. 28, 1833.

Just a few lines & a trifle by ship Shepherdess, Capt. Ward, bound to Singapore.

To the Brethren of the Sandwich Islands Mission } Missionary Room, Boston Oct 30 1833

Dear Brethren

I wrote you by the Mentor, which sailed Nov. 21, 1832; again by the Hellespont, which sailed a few weeks later; & again by the Lagoda, on the 11th and 17th of April, 1833. I also wrote

by the Lagoda to Messrs Dibble & Lyman, Mr. Goodrich, Mr. Greene Mr. Chamberlain, & Mr. Rogers; & I intended to have replied to the letters of all the other brethren.

The information I received a few days since concerning the Barque La Grange was, that she would sail at the close of this week, or more probably in the early part of next. I am now told that she sails tomorrow (Thursday), & our letters must be ready today.

Since the departure of the Lagoda, I have received the following communications from the Islands; viz

Communication	Date	When rec^d
Duplic^e of General letter,	June 23 1832 —	Aug. 15/33
Joint Letter from Lahaina,	Nov. 15 1832 —	May 17 —
Dup^e of Proceedings in reference to Marquesas Mission	Dec 27 1832 —	Aug. 15. —
Messrs Thurston & Bishop	— Nov. 3. 1832	— April 30 —
" Chamberlain & Judd	— Dec 11/32	— May 4 —
" Clark & Emerson	— Dec 3/32	— May 6 —
" Richards, Andrews, & Spaulding	— Nov 27/32	— May 6 —
" Whitney, Tinker & Alexander	— Sept 13/32	— May 14 —
" Ditto — (Report &c)	—	Oct 25/33
" Goodrich Dibble & Lyman	— March 25/33	— Oct 25
Mr Thurston's list of Library	—	Aug 15/33
Mr Thurston	— Nov 9 1832	— Aug 15/ —
Mr Bingham	— Dec. 19 1832	— Sept. 30 —
"	— April 13 1833	— Oct 25 —
"	— March 20/33	— Oct 25 —
Mr Bishop	— Oct 3/32	— Apl. 30
" Greene	— Nov. 12/32	— May 17 —
" "	— Dec 8/32	— Aug. 15.
" Richards	— Nov 29	— May 6
" "	—	Oct
" Chamberlain	— Mar. 26/33	— Oct 25 —
" Whitney	— Nov. 23/32	— April 30 —

Communications	Date	Where rec'd
Mr. Whitney (Journal of Visit &c)	—	Aug 15/33
" Clark	March 30/33	Oct 25
" Dibble	Nov. 9/32	April 30
" Tinker (copy of sermon)	—	May 6 1833
" "	Nov 27/32	May 31
" "	Dec 6 1832	May 6
" Gulick	Dec 11/32	May 4
" "	Nov. 12/32	April 30
Dr Chapin	Nov 19/32	Aug 20
Mr. Lyman	Nov. 20/32	April 30
Mr. Spaulding (Library)	—	May 6
" "	Nov 20	Aug 20
" Shepard	Nov 12/32	April 30
" Alexander Memorandums of visit &c	—	May 6
Mr. Alexander	Dec 19/32	May 4
" "	Dec 4.	May 6
" "	Nov. 28/32	May 6
" "	March 15/33	Oct 25
" Forbes	Nov 1 1832	April 30
" Rogers	Dec 5. 1832	May 6

Also memorandums of their own personal history, from Mess.rs Forbes, Bingham, Richards, Ruggles, Chapin, Clark, Hitchcock, Armstrong, Alexander, Baldwin, Gulick, Emerson, Spaulding, Green, Judd, Shepard, Thurston, Whitney, Bishop, Lyons, Chamberlain, and from Miss Ogden & Miss Ward.

It is not worth while to repeat what was said in the long letter by the Lagoda; nor is there much additional matter which it is important to communicate.

I regretted exceedingly to find, after the Lagoda had sailed, that only one copy of our printed circular of inquiries accompanied the general letter. The packet was placed in the wrong box, and the accident was perceived too late. I sent a number of copies to Valparaiso soon after, & send

more with this, as they may contribute to the variety & value of your future communications, if dispersed among the stations.

We are more and more of the opinion, that it would not be wise at present to reduce your number at the Islands. Indeed it would seem to be desirable, that the number of preachers might be such as to bring the Gospel at once within hearing of the whole population; for it is certain that nothing but the Gospel, brought home to the understandings and hearts of the people, will keep them from relapsing into idolatry and all their other vices. The principal objection to an enlargement of your number, are these; (1) that it might endanger the harmony of your counsels & operations; & (2) that it might awaken jealousy among the chiefs. It will be well to inform the Board whether these objections in your opinion, have weight. We can obtain missionaries, & if the missionaries, we can, the Lord assisting, procure the means of their support at the islands.

You need not be very solicitous as to the effect any reverses you may experience will have upon the churches at home. To prepare for the worst, we have undertaken this year to give in the Report as strong a view as we suppose the truth will justify, of the darker shades in your mission. This we have been enabled to do by the exceedingly various, though not conflicting accounts of the mission with which the members have favored us the past year. Your freedom in writing to the Rooms, has not been too great; it has been just what it ought to be; but some of the private letters written to friends in different parts of the

country, which I have seen in the papers, surely never could have been written with the expectation that they would be made public: All statements, indeed, respecting the mission, whether made to the Board, or to private correspondents, ought to be equally true; neither too favorable, nor the reverse. But first impressions are sometimes too strong; & when described, while fresh in the mind, & in the freedom of private correspondence, the language is often more expressive at a distance, than the writer had supposed it would be. As long as the members of the mission retain the confidence of the churches, reverses will not greatly diminish the interest of the churches; for though the reverses may be great, we are not to presume that they will be permanent, & they are to be expected; & a general opposition to the Gospel, may possibly indicate a real advance among the people in the knowledge of the Gospel; who may be the less pleased with it, the more they become acquainted with its nature. The first effect of a mission among a savage people is, to rouse the mind from its deathlike, lethargic state: that being done, it must then expect to encounter the opposition of the heart of enmity & unbelief. When your success shall have become much greater than it is now, it may, for the reason just stated, seem much less to the unreflecting reader. After all, you cannot make unthinking men perfectly understand your narratives; and while you are correcting one mistake, you may lead them into a greater. (In shunning the rock, beware of the whirlpool)

In some of your letters mention was made of a dissertation by Mr. Andrews on the state & prospects of education at the Islands, as being fitted to give very valuable information.

We regret not having received it, as we greatly desire to be put in possession of every kind of knowledge, which will show us how we can aid you in your work. We doubt not but every species of information will be communicated, which shall be necessary to show the Comte what they can do to render the Seminary & the system of schools what they ought to be to the islanders. I may venture to assure you, that nothing shall be withheld, which the churches can bestow, when its desirableness is fully shown. Let your requests, however, be as far as possible specific; and where books, apparatus, &c &c are desired for the use of the mission, let them be requested by Committees appointed for the purpose, or, at any rate, let the mode of making the request be known to have the approval of the mission.

We have not yet found a suitable man to send to you as a bookbinder, though the demand for such a laborer has been repeatedly made known to the churches. Indeed I am pained that a vessel should go to you without a number of helps, which I determined, last spring, to have in readiness, if possible, for the fall vessels. It pleased our Heavenly Father to permit me to be overturned in the stage last Summer, by which means my right arm was broken; and no sooner did I regain the use of it, than the fracture was renewed by a fall. I resided then in the country, & was confined for nearly two months chiefly to my house, & was obliged to do my writing by dictation, of which I happened to have more to do than ever in the same period before. In this way I prepared that part of the Report

which relates to my own department for the Annual meeting of the Board. I endeavored to prevent the cause from suffering on my own account; but I find that some things have suffered. I hope, however, for a number of opportunities to send between this time & the Spring.

Several letters from the islands would seem strongly to intimate, that you have never been favored with what may properly be termed a revival of religion, or an outpouring of the Spirit. It appears to me that subsequently to the date of those letters, there was a gracious work of this kind at Kauai; & my strong persuasion is, that such a work was experienced at Lahaina several years ago. It is true of revivals, however, as it is of individuals, that "by their fruits ye shall know them". Yet let me as a Brother in Christ caution you not to undervalue or speak disparagingly of the day of small things, nor to be unbelieving in respect to the agency of the Spirit, nor backward to recognize his works, because he permits them to be modified, in their aspects, by the circumstances in which they are exhibited. How imperfect were the converts at Corinth, and indeed some other churches of apostolic times, if we may judge concerning them by the tenor of the epistles addressed to them. It seems to me that you are in better circumstances than your brethren ministers of New England, to have fellowship with Paul in his trials which he was made to endure by some of his "babes in Christ".)

I regret that we have not the Report concerning your mission in readiness to send you.

We are all pretty well. May you all be preserved in life and health, & enjoy the presence of our Divine Lord in all your labors

& trials. We pray God, also, for the lives of the remaining king's chiefs, and that the heart of the young King may be graciously touched, and your work not be hindered by him. Brethren, pray for us, that we may have faith, zeal, wisdom, & every needed grace.

Desiring to be affectionately remembered to all your partners & to the whole church,

I am your brother & fellow-laborer
R Anderson

Rev. Hiram Bingham
Sand. Islands

Missionary Rooms Boston Nov 1 1833

My Dear Brother

I have written a hasty letter to the Mission by the Barque La Grange, which I have superscribed to Mr. Chamberlain as clerk of your last General Meeting. I have also directed four barrels of letters to him for the various members of the mission, & have sent pamphlets, papers &c. as usual. The vessel has been detained, but owing to the pressure of other unavoidable duties, I have not been able to write more.

I have acknowledged your very acceptable letters in the general letter, & have a number of things which I wish to say to you personally; but cannot say them now: except that I have formed an agreeable acquaintance with your daughter Maria, who spent a few days with us last summer. She is an interesting girl. The Board voted 40 dollars to her for the present year which has been paid to her guardian. She is now at Hartford. I intend having a book with the names of all the children of missionaries beyond sea entered, their ages, places of their residence, particular appropriations made to them, &c. It is a kind of information we often want,

& it may be of some use to the children. When the plan is complete, I shall not fail to ask for information, such as I need, and have not at hand. I trust none of the parents at the Islands will be backward to let us know their wishes concerning their children. It will do no harm to let us know, if it does no good —

Affectionate regards from Mrs Anderson & myself to Mrs. Bingham. In great haste, but

most truly Yours

R Anderson

To Mrs Thurston } Missionary Room, Boston Nov 1 1833
Kailua Sand. Isl.} I am happy, Dear madam, that you write me your wishes concerning your children. As the Barque La Grange, which takes this, has been detained a day or two beyond her appointed time, it is only the fact that she is full, and will take no more, that prevents my sending you a number of the books you named for your children. I have the memorandum before me, & will send them, Providence permitting, by the next opportunity; not doubting but, if you shall have been previously supplied in any way with some of the books, and do not need them, you will give them to those who do. What you say respecting the measure of the clothes designed for your husband and Mr. Bishop, is placed in Mr. Hill's hands, and will receive attention. In great haste, but with affectionate regards to your husband and all your associates, & earnest prayer that you may enjoy the presence of the Holy Comforter

I am very truly Yours

R Anderson

Rev. J. L. Wilson
Baltimore

Missionary Rooms, Boston Nov 7 1833

My Dear Brother

Brother Winn's letter gave us to understand that you would not sail till about the middle of the present month. You will therefore doubtless receive this letter.

Mr Hill has forwarded money, as he doubtless wrote you to pay for and paint your house, pay for outfit for yourself & Mr. Wynecoop, &c. &c. As the house has cost so much more than you expected, there will be the more reason to exercise a sound discretion as to the place of its location, that it may not embarrass you in future, nor prove a loss to the Society. Take care, too, lest a regard for the safety of the house should too much influence your choice of a site for the mission.

I more & more rejoice in the thought that you are able to go out with Dr Hall. It will be well, however, to remember, that both he and the other founders of the new colony will naturally, & pretty strongly, wish, the centre of our operations to be at Cape Palmas, as a good deal of interest will thereby be drawn towards that point; & it is proper & desirable that they should feel thus. But, being men, it is impossible but that their judgment, & their advice to you, & all their opinions which they give you, will be more or less biased by this feeling. This, you will take for granted, in making up your judgment; & in view of this and many other facts, I am happy that Mr. Wynecoop is associated with you.

There is one topic of inquiry which I wish to commend to the particular attention of both of you:- Why is so little yet known concerning the tribes back of Liberia? Do not fail to give us a full reply to this question. Another:- Can we extend our Mission backward into the interior, by a direct & speedy progress, from Liberia & Cape Palmas? By interior, I mean the

country beyond the forest, which runs along the coast not many miles from the sea. — These are exceedingly important inquiries. — Can we proceed from Cape Palmas by land into the country of the Ashantees? or must we go by way of Cape Coast Castle? How can missions in the interior be sustained?

Mr. and Mrs. Ehard sailed eight days since in the ship Shepherds from Salem, direct to Ceylon. Mr. and Mrs. Minor accompanied them. Mr. Minor you know, is the printer; indeed I believe you are acquainted with him. Capt Ward, the commander of the ship, is a Quaker, and apparently a very amiable man, and their accommodations are very good.

Please give my very affectionate regards to Mr. Wyncoop; and my respectful remembrances & best wishes to Mr. Latrobe & the gentleman whom I had the pleasure of seeing. We have received Mr. Latrobe's letter addressed to Dr. Winer. I beg you will also commend me to Doct. Hall, from whom I should be exceedingly happy to hear by letter after his arrival on the African coast.

We must endeavor, Providence permitting, to pay our debt to Western Africa very speedily; but it is easier to acknowledge the debt, than to pay it. We shall be grateful for any information which will show us how we ought to proceed.

Finally, Dear Brethren, may you both be preserved safely, & eminently prospered in your important embassy.

Most Affy Your friend & brother
R Anderson

Rev. E. C. Bridgman
Canton China

Missionary Room, Boston Mass
May Dear Brother 12 1833

The Brig Pata, Capt.
is bound hence to Batavia & Canton, & I send by her the Pamphlets, papers, & letters now

on hand for the China mission. I have received your of March 13th, April 5, April 26, May 3, May 28, & June 14th. The last came to hand yesterday. I wrote you

I liked your letter of April 5 very much, not only because it was three or four times larger than your letters generally, but because it was written with so much freedom & spirit, and let me into the very heart (as it were) of your mission. I have made some use of it as you will see, for the Report, believing that the extract will interest others as it did myself. You must not be discouraged, for you have no reason to be so; nor do I think you are.

It is not so much extended, enlarged, sublime views of our work, that discourage, as limited, partial views. The former are naturally taken by benevolence, the latter, by selfishness. Moreover extended views, while they make the young soul feel deeply its own insufficiency, strengthen it exceedingly in God. Hence the courage they inspire. And we see the church, as it becomes more & more sensible of the magnitude of the work involved in the universal publication of the Gospel becoming less and less fearful & distrustful, & progressively interested & animated in the work. I have not a doubt but the church would send forth and support hundreds of missionaries this very year, if the men could be obtained. The object is not sufficiently clear & extended, as contemplated by the churches, to awaken that unconquerable zeal & courage which we hope soon to witness.

You have repeatedly mentioned the infrequency of my letters. I mentioned some of the causes of this infrequency in a late letter. If life & health be spared, I shall write you

oftener in time to come. If you write to me when you wish for any thing, instead of Mr. Tracy (which is better on all accounts) this will secure you more frequent letters. To remind myself to write, & increase the motive for so doing I have taken upon myself the duty of seeing that the pamphlets, letters, &c. sent to the Rooms for the several missions, are regularly sent; & I superintend the sending beyond sea of all our publications. All your orders for type, paper &c. &c. should be sent to us. It is also the desire of the Comte that your letters to the Bible & Tract Societies should either pass unsealed through our hands, or that copies of them be sent to us by the same conveyance, in order that we may have all possible information concerning your field, your movements, your receipts & wishes, &c. I am striving hard to get the business of my department into exact system, & nothing prevents me but inability hitherto of confining myself to the labors of my own department. I do not yet despair of effecting this. For a few years past, I have been much perplexed by apparently conflicting duties. For two years brother Greene and I were alone, & our affairs in an unsettled state. Nothing but God's marvellous grace sustained us. When I look back upon that period, I do it with feelings of wonder. Through the goodness of God, we are now as favorably situated in all respects, as perhaps it is possible for us to be, for doing our business. Yet we are liable to interruptions. Brother Wisner is necessarily absent considerably. Brother Greene's eyes have been overdone, & are not in a good way. And last summer, soon after Mess. Tracy & Williams sailed, I was overturned in the stage, & broke my right arm; & when it had nearly recovered, I stumbled, in ascending

some strange steps in the evening, and in an effort to save myself from falling renewed the fracture. I was then living out of town, & this confined me at home in great measure, & obliged me to learn to write by dictation. I had to prepare for the annual meeting in this manner. I did more writing by dictation than I ever did before in the same time; but the any business suffered, though less than I apprehended it would.

I hope that you and all the brethren will do me the kindness to believe that I shall not carelessly write you very short & hasty letters, nor let any ship knowingly go away from Boston to Canton without carrying at least a few lines. It frequently happens that vessels are sailing to different parts of the world about the same time; making it necessary, perhaps, to write to several missions at the same time; & possibly there are missionaries going in one of these vessels, for whom Instructions must be written, &c. &c. Then Instructions it devolves on me to draw up for the Board. Could I get the World entirely off my hands, & have nothing to do out of my department, I could, in a year or two, with divine aid, bring my duties into a systematic train of performance; & towards this, as I have remarked, I am aiming.

The arrival of Mr Tracy & Mr. Williams has made you acquainted with our opinion of the Repository. It is an exceedingly valuable work, & very well conducted. I rejoice that you have decided upon continuing it another year. Its influence in this country in diffusing information concerning China, & exciting an interest in your mission, has been

great and good — far beyond my own anticipations. Indeed I sometimes think that we are not half enough awake to the value of the press, as a means of rousing the human mind to truth and duty. But better days are coming. The press operates upon the mind like a steam engine, and Bible, Tract, & Sabbath School & common school Societies, will compel us to use it soon with tenfold greater energy than heretofore.

I have read the article upon metallic types, & whatever else I have seen on the subject and after all am not convinced, that they will succeed. Dr. Milner's objections to their use are exceedingly weighty. The plan I mentioned to you of attaining castings from the blocks, & which occurred to me in consequence of the success with which I had repeatedly obtained castings from wooden cuts, seems to me more simple & satisfactory. I mentioned it to Mr. Williams & requested you to procure blocks of a certain description and send them, with papers, by the Morison. I hope you will do this, & let us see what can be done in this way. Should this plan succeed, we might set up a foundery at once for stereotype plates. Meanwhile you and Mr. Williams can be maturing your opinion with respect to the types; and if, after all, you think it best to have them, then send us precise estimates as to the quantity, & expense &c. &c. Do not be general and indefinite in your requests, but very precise, stating what kind, & how much you need, in respect to every thing desired.

Is it not Mr. Stevens's intention to come into connection with the Board at the end of two years from the time of his arrival?

That was my own impression. I should be glad to have him inform me what are his views and preferences in respect to the future, provided he thinks still of becoming a missionary of the Board.

Our Com^tee will doubtless be happy to give him an appointment whenever his views of duty will lead him to accept it. Indeed, I this moment recollect that our Com^tee had some understanding with Mr. Stevens at the time of his sailing; though my being absent at the time prevented my knowing much about it. I will make inquiry on the subject, of Mr Greene, & will examine the records of the Com^tee, before the Beta sails.

I hope you will all feel the importance of securing an immediate and profitable expenditure to the grants of the American Bible and Tract Society. It is of immense importance. Now is the time for preparing the grand work of filling the world with truth. The church will bear any amount of pressure, and will indeed suffer if broad and deep channels are not opened for its benevolence. Necessity is laid upon us to circulate Bibles & Tracts in the heathen world, and we must act. Messrs Johnson and Robinson in Siam, & Messrs Munson & Lyman in the Archipelago, may dispose of many.

I shall send you the sheets of the Report as far as out of the press. At what time since I sent several copies of Mr. Gutzlaff's voyages: presume many more will be sent from New York. He will perceive that his appeals are doing great good in this country. May his life be spared many years, & he be allowed to preach the Gospel in Peking, & even in the presence of the emperor of China. This last voyage awakens the hope in my own mind,

that we shall ere long be favored with a mission somewhere on the more northerly shore.

The opposition of the Papists to Dr Morrison, Evangelist, does not surprise me. Their religion is a mere refinement upon polytheism, & they hate the light beyond all other sects, of false religionists. They appear to me to be the body guard of the god of this world. Strange that they should be persecuted. But it is better to pray for them, than to speak against them. They are included within the promises; therefore let us labor for their conversion. — Praying the Lord to cheer and bless you, & desiring affectionate regards to the brethren Stevens, Tracy and Williams, & a particular remembrance to Dr. Morrison and Mr. Gützlaff, I am very truly

Your friend & brother

R. Anderson

Rev. Edwin Stevens } Missionary Rooms Boston Nov 12 1833
Canton China } My Dear Brother

I was absent from Boston when your case came before the Com^tee, & have never fully understood, until to day precisely what relation you sustain to us. I find the following minute in the Records of the Prudential Com^tee under date of April 30 1832: viz.

"Conversation was had by the Com^tee respecting the case of Mr. Edwin Stevens, of the New Haven Theological Seminary, who has been appointed pilot to the seamen in the port of Canton, by the American Seamen's Friend's Society; & proposes after laboring in the service of that Society four or five years, and having acquired a knowledge of the Chinese language to become a missionary of this Board to the Chinese. The Com^tee approved of the plan, but thought it inexpedient to make any appointment

so long a time before the connection would take place.

I do not understand this Minute, nor any thing which has passed between you and our Coun^cil as binding you to defer your connection with the Board so long a time as is mentioned above, should circumstances appear to you to require it to be shortened. I have no knowledge, & therefore no opinion, that they do; but it seems proper to make this remark, that you may feel entire freedom, so far as we are concerned, to defer or hasten your connection with us, according to your own views of duty. I hope you will make yourself master of the Chinese language as soon as may be. I am, Dear Brother, very Affec^ly & truly Yours

R Anderson

Rev. Daniel Temple, Malta } M. Rooms Novr 14 1833
Wrote a few lines to him accompanying 12 copies of Mr. Smith's Missionary Sermon & addresses viz 1 for Mr Schlenz – 1 for Dr. Davy, 1 for Mr Esmond 3 for Mr Temple & 6 for Mr. Smith

R. A.

Rev Eli Smith Beyroot } M. Rooms Boston Novr 14 1833
Wrote a few lines accompanying 6 copies of his work care of Mr. Esmond at Malta

R. A.

Adam Hodgson Esq Liverpool England } Missionary Rooms Boston Nov 15 1833
My Dear Sir

Your two letters of 1st & 6th of April last, were duly received, & in several respects have been of essential service to us, & will continue to be so. Disasters are to be expected in an enterprise like that sent up the Niger, but I hope the Association will persevere

till they have effected an establishment somewhere in the interior. I am more and more persuaded that in such climates commerce must prepare our way; and then we must hasten after to prevent the demoralizing influence of commerce. In drawing up the Instructions for our West African mission, the greater part of which you will find in the Missionary Herald for November, I did ~~not~~ but just allude ~~particularly~~ to your expedition on the Niger, as I did not in the hurry of preparation, think of any way of doing ~~it~~ more to purpose without drawing too largely perhaps from the information kindly imparted in your letters. We are not yet prepared to go so far eastward as the Niger; but we have an eye upon the upper countries as soon as steam boat navigation ensures us a rapid transition from the unhealthy seaboard. In Mr. Wilson, our pioneer to Africa, we have a man of sterling qualities.

Any information with which we can properly be favored will be very gratefully received, and best discretly used. — At the outset, & perhaps always, we must lean considerably upon our colony; and it is cause of deep regret that some of your best men appear so greatly to misapprehend their tendencies.

The Missionary Herald is sent to you from N. York, and in a few days I will send you copies of our Annual Report for the present year.

I feel greatly obliged to the accomplished Pen of Mrs. Hodgson for your second letter. Please ask her to do me the favor to accept a little volume of Missionary discourses by one of our Missionaries, just published, which I will send to her in the same parcel with the Reports.

The Missionary spirit is taking strong hold

of the churches in this country. We should now time to send out a hundred missionaries in a year, if we could get them; & we expect to get nearly or quite that number annually in a few years. Ought we not, Dear Sir, to aim in good earnest at the publication of the Gospel to all the world?

I am Dear Sir, very Respectfully & truly, yours R Anderson

Hon Louis Mc Lane, Secretary of State, Washington City } Boston Nov 20 1833

Wrote to him enclosing a certificate of citizenship for the Rev. Benj a. Schneider, & requesting a Passport.

Rev. J. L. Wilson, Baltimore } Missionary Rooms Boston Nov 20/33

My Dear Brother

Your letter of the 11th I read to the Com^ee last evening. They do not think it advisable for you to take any steps for establishing a mission in Liberia on account of the Presbytery in Virginia, during your present visit; except to make all the inquiries possible, which you will make of course. After Dr. Wisner's return, & especially after hearing your report & that of Mr. Wyncoop, the Com^ee will be ready to act definitively on that point.

I am glad to hear that you have the prospect of sailing during the present month. I can add no more, except to desire affectionate regards to Mr. Wyncoop, & to give you both my best wishes. We shall remember you in our prayers, & I am very affec^ly your friend & brother

R Anderson

Rev D Temple
Smyrna

Missionary Rooms, Boston Nov 23 1833

My Dear Brother

I write now by the brig Kingston, Capt Phelps, merely to say, that the Revs. Benj^a Schneider & the Rev. Thos P. Johnston & their wives are expected to embark a week hence in the brig Hamilton, Capt. Snow, for Smyrna; destined by leave of Providence, to occupy a missionary post at Brusa. They will doubtless find it best to proceed to that place by way of Constantinople. Of this fact I will thank you to inform the brethren at Constantinople.

I send you the December Herald & a copy of the Annual Report in full, if I can get one stitched. Also pamphlets and letters to the present time.

I have now two sons and two daughters, a son having been given me last Tuesday: mother and child remarkably well. The thought is monitory, that the multiplication of our blessings as well as of our days, all bring us towards the grave.

I sent three copies of Mr. Smith's Miss'y. sermons and addresses to Malta for you by Mr. Fitz William the other day; also six copies for Mr. Smith. The parcels for Syria, Constantinople and Greece Proper to send by the Hamilton, as they are not done up for transportation, and cannot well be got in readiness in time for the Kingston.

We are all well, & desire much love to you and yours, & to Mr. & Mrs. Hallock.

Most truly Yours

R Anderson

To P Jackson Esqr
38 New Gate Street
London

Missionary Rooms, Boston, Nov. 25/33

Dear Sir

The above order will be

duly honored by Mr. Arundel, and will seem to you the balance due your house on account of the books you were so good as to send me last August. The books have been received, and in good order, & there was a saving of duties to our Social Library of nearly 30 dollars, in consequence of a provision in our laws for libraries constituted as that is. It imports its books free of duties.

The main object of that library is the same with that of your Board; it is to promote in this country a knowledge of those portions of the earth which are destitute of the light of the Gospel. The little orders I may send you occasionally for these libraries will probably give you more trouble than profit; but Mr. Ellis assures me ~~that~~ you will cheerfully attend to them notwithstanding, in view of the object.

I will thank you to send to my address for the A. B. C. F. M. the following works, for the payment of which funds are deposited in the hands of Mr. Arundel; viz.

Memoirs sur l'Armenie, par M. Saint Martin, 2 vols. — Two sets Malcom's History of Persia, 2 vols. with map, if any. Comparative Geography of Western Asia, by Maj. James Rennell, 2 vols. with atlas. Life of Sir Stamford Raffles, 4 to. Raffles History of Java, 2 vols. with map, if there is one. Owen's voyages along the Eastern coast of Africa. (Our American edition is destitute of maps)

Very truly Yours

R Anderson

Dea. Alfred White
Brookfield, Mass.

Mr. Rooms Boston Nov 25 1833

My Dear Sir

I delayed answering your favor of the 13th till I could consult the Council which I did at their meeting a few days since

& since then I have been prevented from writing by domestic and other unavoidable causes.

The Comte deeply sympathized with Mr. Tracy & your daughter in the affliction which prevented her from accompanying him to the East; and will gladly do any thing within the range of their duty to place them in circumstances to labor together, according to their fondly cherished plans and hopes. It is probable that Doct. Bradley will proceed with his wife to Singapore, next spring or summer, to join the Siam mission. Should the health of your daughter be such as to warrant her going within the year, that will probably be by far the best opportunity which will occur.

In order that the Comte may have the best means of judging in the case which the circumstances permit, they desire that the physician in your neighborhood who has attended her, & is of course best acquainted with the nature of the disorder with which she has been afflicted, will draw up a description which may be submitted to the physicians to whom the Comte are in the habit of referring cases of difficulty. Of course it will be proper for him to give it as technical a character as he may think proper, as it will be for physicians to read to make up ~~their~~ of their opinion.

The cases are not very infrequent which the Comte have to refer in this manner, & with the solemn responsibility resting upon them, it will doubtless appear to you very proper that they should desire all the light possible to be thrown upon their path.

Should Miss White go to Singapore, Mr. Tracy would of course be expected to meet her there.

Desiring to be affectionately remembered to her, & praying that the Lord will be pleased to bestow his grace upon her abundantly, I am, Dear Sir

Very truly & sincerely R. Anderson

Rev. Wm. G. Schauffler, Constantinople } Miss. Room, Boston Nov 30. 1833

My Dear Brother

I have now to acknowledge your letter of July 29th, written at Smyrna; also your interesting account of the enslaved German family. We are expecting the remainder of your journal across the continent of Europe, but whether the Editor of the Herald will do any better than before I cannot promise. I thought it read very well in the Herald, & shall be very well satisfied if the other part appear on the whole as well. You must not be discouraged from writing.

A mission to the Jews is evidently one of faith. Appearances are all against you, but there are great & precious promises, & on these we must live. It seems to me that you should labor much at the foundation, laying it deep & broad. It would appear from your communications, that you have almost no books to work with in the Jew-language at Constn: these you will of course furnish as fast as may be. The system of school education (if system it can be called) needs to be radically changed. How this can be done, I know not, but doubtless there is a way of doing it through the divine help. Where we know not how to do what ought to be done, we have an infallible resort, & a sure word of promise: "If any man lack wisdom &c." &c.

We shall hope to receive a somewhat elaborate statement from you respecting the Jews, in due time, in reply to the Circular.

You will probably be able to pay Mr Johnston & Mr. Schneider a visit at Brousa after they become settled in that place.

Both they & their wives appear to be good in the Scripture sense, & may they be truly useful in their new sphere. The Lord be with you. I am, Dear Brother very truly Yours, R Anderson

Rev Daniel Temple } M Roomy Boston Nov. 30 1837
Smyrna — } My Dear Brother

It is with some anxiety that we wait to hear of your successful introduction of the press into Smyrna. The good Lord will grant such a favor in his own good time.

Should this find you at Smyrna, it will introduce to yourself & Mr. Wallace & your families the Rev. Thomas Pinckney Johnston & the Rev. Benj^a Schneider & their wives — all bound to Broosa in Bithynia. Paul was forbidden to go there, but we trust they have permission, & that they will find a great & effectual door of usefulness opened to them.

Would not Philadelphia be a good station for us? It would be interesting to try the soil, the good seed once flourished there.

I sent you pamphlets a few days since by the Capt. We now send you Reports &c.

Desiring an affectionate remembrance to all, I am very truly yours. R Anderson

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Mess Van Lennep H } M Roomy Boston Nov 30 1837
Smyrna — } Gentlemen

Permit me to introduce to your kind attention the Rev. Messrs Thomas P Johnston & Benjamin Schneider, who, with their wives, are expecting to commence a mission at Broosa, going thither by way of Constantinople. Any advice you may have it in your power to give them will be very gratefully received, & will be duly acknowledged by

Your friend & humble Servant
R Anderson

Rev Jonas King } M Roomy Boston Nov. 30. 1837
& } Dear Brethren
Rev Elias Riggs } I have only Mr. King's journal
Athens, Greece } from March 23^d to June 30th to be acknowledged.

I have already referred to the case of Niketopolos in one of my letters. I beg of you not to lose sight of him. His fall may humble him & do him good in the end. Please allude to him in your letters.

I cannot help having fears that you will meet with embarrassments from the government. Should you be called before kings & governors for the name of Christ, I trust it will be given you what you shall say. To me it seems almost certain that the Greeks have too much regard for their character to interfere very decisively for the interruption of our philanthropic efforts. Some of Capodistria's obnoxious laws I regarded as incense offered to the bigotry of the priesthood & not designed to be very rigidly executed: but perhaps I was mistaken.

The primitive missionaries were not very easily discouraged, neither must we be. You are doubtless preventing much evil by a silent but powerful influence, if you cannot see that you are doing a great positive good. But how different would have been the state of Greece at this moment, especially of the schools, if missionaries had stood aloof from the beginning! How many most valuable religious ideas have been cast into the national mind!

I have now four children, two sons & two daughters, the youngest about ten days old. We are all pretty well through divine mercy. We send our last Report & other books & Pamphlets, & I am, as ever, with affec. regards to your wives

Most truly Yours
R Anderson

Rev. Hy. G. Dwight, Constantinople } Mr. Rooms Boston Nov. 30 1833

My Dear Brother

Your favor of July 20th accompanying the five views, has been duly received. I greatly rejoice that you are in the habit of taking views of interesting places & objects, & hope you will not be discouraged though you should not see them published immediately. Most of them, if not all, will come in use in due time, in the Herald or elsewhere. Had we a view of Broosa, & of Olympus in the rear, we would engrave it immediately.

The Books you wrote for have been ordered from London, and will be forwarded as soon as received. I do not remember any request for them previous to the one last received. We have Maj. Rennell's comp.e Geog.y of West.n Asia & Atlas in our Library, which I will send you, if we can spare it. At any rate, you may expect the work ere long.

Mr. Johnson & Mr. Schneider & their wives are about leaving us for Broosa. They go to Constantinople, and will be governed very much by the advice of their brethren there as to the time of proceeding to Broosa, as well as to the route & manner of proceeding.

I think our Coms.n were never more inclined to occupy the whole of Asia Minor & Syria, than now — never so much so. May they & you & all be divinely guided & assisted in so great a work.

Mrs. Anderson became the mother of a fine little boy (as he seems almost of course to his parents) on the 19th. We have now two sons & two daughters, & begin to suspect that we are leaving the ranks of young people. Pray that we may grow wiser with our years. May this grace be conferred on you & yours, & on all who are our fellow laborers in Christ Jesus. Mrs. A. desires love to Mrs. D. & Mrs. G. & I am very truly

Yours
R Anderson

P.S. I had several copies of Mr. Smith's sermons & addresses. Affec. regards to Mr. & Mrs. Goodell & Mr. & Mrs. Perkins, also to Mr. & Mrs. Whiting if still with you.

Rev. John M. Dickey
Oxford, Chester Co. Pa

Miss. Rooms Boston Dec 4 1853

My Dear Brother

As the destination of Mr. Schneider has been changed from the island of Candia to Broosa in Asia Minor, I have thought it would be proper to give you early information of the change, & of the more important reasons which led to it.

With regard to Candia, the newspapers have no doubt informed you that the government of Mohammed Ali is less firmly established than was supposed. The disaffection of the people threatens a civil war; and this state of things before we have actually entered upon the prosecution of our measures, is regarded as a providential information, not indeed decisive as to our duty, but worthy of serious consideration.

Connected with this fact, & with the very insulated position of Candia which was well known before, are some general considerations which have been of late forced upon the attention of the Committee by the great difficulty of procuring missionaries to any extent proportioned to the demand for them. I am sorry to admit the thought, though it must be admitted, that our plans must be graduated with reference to a very small number of missionaries. We needed 50 last year on a moderate computation; we sent forth 25. This seemed a large number once. But it seems small now, and we cannot be too grateful to God

that it seems so. May 100 missionaries a year soon appear a small number, as it is, in comparison with the wants of world, & the measure of our duty. The Board feel that if they are to be very much restricted as to missionaries, it will be better to have a small number of large fields under cultivation, than a great many small ones. In forming stations, too, it was thought wise to have some regard to the obstacles which would prevent the wide diffusion of the influence of missionaries. Other things being equal, continents were to be preferred to comparatively small islands, standing alone, and remote from extensive countries, or having but little intercourse with them. In short, all things being considered, they thought it desirable to pass by Candia for the present, & concentrate such forces as they could command upon the interesting country of Asia Minor.

Messrs. Schneider & Johnston have accordingly been assigned to Broosa, a large & flourishing city of Asia Minor, at the foot of Olympus, and in the ancient Bithynia. You will find an account of Mr. Goodell's visit to this place in the Missionary Herald for the present year, p.p. 122, 153, 189.

I shall send a copy of the Instructions given there brethren, to the Presbyterian & Philadelphian, with a request that they may be inserted in those papers for the perusal of Mr. Schneider's patrons.

Broosa was contemplated as a missionary station, before Mr. Schneider left the Seminary, & was regarded as perhaps the most eligible post not occupied, in Western Asia, except the Nestorians; but it was presumed that other persons would occupy it. Providence, however, so far as we can now see, reserved the post for these brethren. May they prove themselves to be good soldiers of the Lord Jesus.

I am, my dear sir
Very truly Yours in the Gospel
R Anderson

To the Brethren of the Sandwich Islds. Mission } Missionary Rooms Boston Dec 18 1833

Dear Brethren

I write you by the barque La Grange, under date of Oct. 30th Extracts from that letter are enclosed. The brig Avon, which conveys this to the Islands, will take the letters from friends which have come to hand since then, with pamphlets, newspapers, &c. & several copies of the Life of Cornelius, & of a volume of missionary sermons lately published. I sent a few lines yesterday to New York to go in a vessel advertised to sail from thence direct to the islands; also a copy of our late Report. A considerable number of copies of that document are sent by the Avon. It would be gratifying to me to be informed whether the view of your mission given in this Report accords with the views of the brethren generally, and in what respects, if any, it is erroneous. We have no fear of giving the public a correct statement, whatever that may be.

I have nothing more at present to say respecting the Washington Islands, than I have said, so far as our Comte are concerned. Two days since however, I received a letter from Mr. Ellis, For. Secy. of the London Miss. Society, extracts from which I send you by way of intelligence.

"The arrival of the Forland within the last three weeks," he says, "after a speedy passage, direct from Tahiti, has brought the anticipated tidings from our brethren there. These have induced us to make an appointment of two brethren from

England & one from Tahiti to the southeastern cluster of the Marquesas. The brethren from England will embark without delay. Their Instructions will define their appointment to the cluster above referred to, of which I am requested to inform you, & to convey to you the assurance of the Directors that it will afford them much satisfaction to learn that you have been induced to appoint a mission to the northwestern cluster. I can only add, that should this take place, I shall regard it as a favorable indication of comfort & encouragement for the brethren & of benefit to the people."

Our relations with that venerable society appear not to have been disturbed by this apparent interference. I had some anxiety on that point at one time. Our duty to the Washington Islands will be better known, when we receive the results of your general meeting in June last.

You will learn our state by the accompanying publications. We should feel more solicitude respecting the progress of events at the Sandwich Islands, but not God so often interposed marvellously in seasons of extremity.

Beseeching God to cause his face to shine upon you, I am, Dear Brethren

Your friend & brother in the Gospel

R. Anderson

Rev. Wm Richards } M Rooms Boston Dec. 18 1837
Lahaina, Maui } My Dear Brother

Mrs Edwards & Stoddard took much pains to procure two princely bonnets for the Princess & Kekauonohe, which were sent by the La Grange, about the 1st of November as Mr. Hill wrote you. They cost, I believe,

more than 100 dollars, feathers and all. They were packed with great care, & I trust will arrive safely. Mr. Stewart was surprisingly negligent in this matter. He is now in the Mediterranean, but I believe it is not true that he has married again. Your letter to him I am about to enclose to him.

I am very glad that you and so many other brethren have undertaken to correct our views of things at the Islands. On reading all the letters, I was convinced that we had better come out with a pretty strong view of the adverse circumstances in the mission, & was glad to find that the Committee did not at all object, but thought well of it. You find what I refer to in our late Report. I have not myself the smallest objection to describing the state of your mission as it is, if I only knew what the true state is.

Please inform me whether you did not consider the very interesting state of things which you described, some years since, as existing at Lahaina, as of the nature of a revival of religion. I have always considered it in that light, & mention the subject, because some of the brethren in their letters have been disposed to question the existence of a revival (technically so called) at the Islands.

Your remarks upon the want of chastity among the native females are appalling enough. It is a real Augean stable which you have undertaken by the grace of God, to cleanse. It is encouraging in such circumstances to know that our Saviour regarded publicans & harlots as nearer the kingdom of heaven, than proud Pharisees and Scribes.

As for your dear children, I do not

wonder you feel for them. Truly there is no subject connected with the operation of our system that pains me so much as that. You & we must have faith in God. Knowing the evils into which our brethren of the South Pacific have fallen, & in general the causes also, you at the Sandwich Islands will know how to interpose guards, and will be stimulated so to do. I view the late deputation to the Society Islands as very important in its results. When any of your children are sent home, I hope you will give me a particular account of the children, & all that concerns them. I am about preparing a book, so planned, that I may keep an account of all the children of missionaries, sufficiently minute to enable us to know what is done for them, where they are, &c. &c. When my plan is matured you may hear more from me on the subject.

Mrs. Anderson desires to be affectionately remembered to Mrs. A. We have now 4 children, the eldest & youngest, sons, and the youngest a month old. I remember an old acquaintance with unabated interest, & am your friend

& brother R Anderson

Rev Daniel Temple
Smyrna.

Missionary Rooms, Boston, Dec 12 1833.

My dear Brother,

The Committee authorise you to procure an additional fount of Arabic type sufficient to print the elementary books needed by the mission in the Turkish language; and also to make such additions to your Armenian type as shall be necessary to enable you to print the cards demanded for Infant and Lancasterian Schools among the Armenians. We would order these directly, did we know precisely what you need. The shortest method on the whole, appears to be the one now adopted. You can tell also, better than we, whether to order them from London, Paris or Germany. Upon sending your orders, you can immediately inform Mr Hill whether you will need his assistance in paying the bills.

We are negotiating for a set of diagrams in Geometry, & I hope to send them by this vessel. But any which we can procure here will need much of Mr Hallocks ingenuity to be exerted upon them before they will answer to be used in Turkish or Greek books. The diagrams are of course in plane Geometry: we sent you the solids some time since. I fear I cannot immediately procure diagrams large enough to be used in Trigonometry.

How much wisdom it needs to proportion the different kinds of our books aright! Those who did not think how depraved affections have brought disorder into the intellectual faculties of man, through all the East, might be surprised to see us teaching the properties of a triangle. I sometimes think we are in danger of making too much of this species of influence. We certainly shall, unless it be accompanied by, & subordinate to the plain faithful preaching of Christ Jesus & him crucified. The press however, is an immense gift, & the glorious Giver designed we should understand its powers & consecrate them to his glory.

We send you the Life of Cornelius, – Copies of the Report, &c.

Desiring affect regards to Mrs T. & all the brethren & sisters

I am most truly yours

R. Anderson

P.S. Mr Brewer sent me the first sheet of a book he is printing, an expose of his difficulties. I do not expect to reply to it so much as a word. The Lord give me grace to love him, and cause to confide in him, as much as I did at the time of the transactions to which he refers in the outset of his expose. I am sure that I cherish no ill will towards him, & I pray that I never may. I regard him as one of the Lords disciples, though under a singular delusion as to some things. I hear that he is coming home.

Missionary Rooms
Boston Dec. 18. 1833.

Rev Lorrin Andrews
Lahaina, Maui

My dear Brother,

Several of the brethren in their letters have referred to an essay upon the Schools at the Sandwich Islands, written by yourself, & read to the brethren at their general meeting in 1832. It was their expectation that you would send it to us, & that we should thus obtain a correct notion of the actual state of the Schools. You will see by the last Report that we have endeavoured to give the darker shades of the picture; but we felt the need of your essay, inasmuch as you had naturally given your mind more to the subject than any of the other brethren, & that statement appeared to accord with the views of your brethren generally. I still hope you will send us a copy of it, or something which shall be equivalent

We are more in the dark as to the direct assistance we can render to the Seminary under your care, than I wish we were. We find great difficulty in obtaining missionaries enough to meet the exigencies of the Board; but money I believe, we can obtain to a very great extent, provided we can shew good reason why we should have it. An economical & wise expenditure in all parts of our system, will of course be indispensable. This being always understood, I think it of great importance that our brethren should give deliberate & prayerful attention to all that needs to be done in order to finish the work committed to them as soon as possible, being fruitful as well as discreet in good

devices, and keep the Committee minutely & fully informed as to what they can do to help on the work. You will not understand this remark, dear brother, as having any reference to the past. The plan of your seminary can be developed only by the slowly increasing light of experience, & it was eminently judicious to begin on a comparatively small scale. The Committee wish every seminary to be thus commenced; & I doubt not but every thing has been called for which was deemed necessary. My remarks have respect to the future. Extensive plans executed with energy, where a vast work is to be done, are more discreet, or may be so, than those which are limited & of tardy progress. So we begin to feel in this country more & more. It is the wish & intention of the Committee, with the divine blessing, to make your seminary what you wish it to be, & as soon as possible. If you need more apparatus of any kind, & a larger allowance of funds, only let the necessity be clearly stated, with the proper explanation & you will receive prompt assistance. So if the Mission are fully of opinion that they ought have more ordained missionaries, or lay schoolmasters, or lay-distributors of books or any thing else, & will only make known their wants as a mission clearly & fully — not hypothetically, on supposition that the men & money can be obtained, — they will find that such an expression will be very far from vain. We need to know the real wants of the Mission, in all their extent, in all their minuteness.

In respect to books we have been much embarrassed. Every missionary is not of course fitted to be a translator of the Bible. There is not the kind of talent nor the requisite learning. That every missionary at the Islands should be furnished with all the apparatus for translating the Holy Scriptures, was not believed to be a wise expenditure. Could the translation of the Scriptures be committed to comparatively few men, & they be furnished thoroughly for their work, the course of duty would be plain for the Committee & the results would be salutary. Then let us be told explicitly what books are needed & how many of each kind.

Perhaps these are subjects which would more properly come into a general letter & I did not think of writing you more than a few lines when I began. I should be happy to hear from

you oftener. May the Lord grant you abundance of peace in your responsible labors. Desiring to be affect. remembered to Mrs Andrews & all the brethren & sisters at Lahaina,

I am very affectly & truly yours.

R. Anderson.

Missionary Rooms Boston Dec 19. 1833

Rev Samuel Ruggles
Kaawaloa, Hawaii

My dear Brother,

By the brig Loon, the appointed time for the sailing of which is tomorrow, I am endeavouring to reply to the numerous letters received from the individual members of your mission. I shall not probably be able to finish more than half of my pleasant task. I find nothing in your letter of Sept 19 1832, which needs a reply except your request for books. A memorandum of these was put into the hands of the man who makes the purchases. & I presume they went in the La Grange, which sailed about the 1st of November. I am exceedingly anxious that the children ~~of the~~ in your mission should have the books they need & make it a point of duty to attend promptly to the requests of parents in behalf of their children. If I thought that parents would always be free to make known their wants of this kind I should be relieved from some anxiety

Should Kapiolani endure unto the end, it will be advisable I have no doubt to publish a short memoir of her. I suggest the expediency of gathering & preserving the more interesting facts in her history. I beg that this may not be forgotten.

Could not some more particular account be given of Naihe? Was not he once the orator of the nation? The biographical notices which have come from Lahaina have done much good.

I shall write to Mr Forbes by this opportunity should the vessel be delayed & some other pressing articles of business be seasonally disposed of. Desiring affectionate regards to Mrs R. & to your associates,

I am very truly, yours, R Andersons.

Missionary Rooms, Boston Dec. 19. 1833.

Rev. H. R. Hitchcock,
Molokai Sand. Islands

My dear Brother,

Your communications received previous to the 30th of October, were all acknowledged in the general letter of that date, & none have been received since that time. I am now following my rule as far as my time will permit, & replying to the letters of each individual. The books you requested were I believe all sent by the La Grange, which took the letter above mentioned. At least I find a mark on the margin shewing that the memorandum was transferred to the proper person to make the purchase of them.

The only other point requiring attention is the request for a female teacher. I see not but your reasons in favor of being supplied with such a helper, are conclusive. This is a subject, however on which the Mission (excepting yourself) so far as I remember, have observed an entire silence for several years past; & as inquiries bearing directly on this point have been proposed to the mission, & the answers may be expected in the course of the present winter or very early in the spring the Committee are desirous of waiting till the views of the Mission are more fully known. I shall bring the subject up again in connection with the book binder, who will no doubt take a wife with him; & if the opportunity is favorable for sending out a single female in the same vessel, I have no doubt but the Committee will do what they properly can to comply with your request.

Your prospects at Molokai are very encouraging. you all have at the islands what I cannot help regarding, & what doubtless you all regard as a great favour — that is, enough to do. I really believe there is more scope for talent among the heathen than there is among the churches here at home. It is no misfortune to a man to be driven in business, for then he is more likely to be diligent in business & fervent in spirit. It is not idle men who are most devotional. It is not the dull stagnant spirit, that is most likely to hold communion with God. Where <u>every thing</u> is to be done, & we see it & feel it, there it is a favour to live, if our object

is to do good. The infelicity at the Sandwich Islands appears to me to lie here, that the whole nation was thrown at once as it were, upon the mission, while there was not the possibility of giving personal attention to a twentieth part of the people. I have supposed a reaction of some kind was inevitable; but the Lord reigns, & no where is his power more manifest than it has been at the Sandwich Islands. May the Holy Spirit dwell with you from the beginning at your new station & bless your labors exceedingly.

Desiring affectionate regards to Mrs. H. I am very truly yours.

R. Anderson

Rev Samuel Whitney,
Waimea Hawaii.

Missionary Rooms
Boston Dec 18. 1833.

My dear Brother,

As the communications received from you previous to Oct 30th were mentioned in the general letter of that date, I do not think it necessary to mention them again. On the 29th ult. I received the continuation of your journal of your visit to the S. Pacific up to Sept. 9th, accompanied by a letter dated Dec 25th 1832, & a catalogue of your private library. The more I know about the visit of the deputation to the Society Islands the more reason I see to bless God for it. Whether a Mission is established in the Washington Islands or not, the results will be great & good. Our Mission has come into possession of a large stock of most valuable experience. The visit was well timed, too, better than ten years earlier, when as you remember, a great desire was felt to make such a visit. The results of the errors of that mission were not then by any means developed. You saw the Mission in a worse state, probably, than it was ever in before since the destruction of the idols, or than it will ever be in again. Missions, as to the mode of conducting them, are yet to be regarded very much in the light of experiments, & the experiments in the Georgian & Society Islands, & the experiments under somewhat more favorable circumstances at the Sandwich Islands are of a deeply interesting nature.

Among the books which go in the Atoon which conveys this letter you will find a small volume from your very estimable nephew Eli Smith. The volume is composed of missy sermons & addresses & indicate his sterling good sense. He has married a first rate woman, as you will doubtless learn from your relatives.

The errors to which you refer in the Reports of the Board were committed by Mr Evarts, but on what authority I know not. Errors, however undesirable, will sometimes come, but it is always desirable that they be pointed out. I shall not fail to feel obliged for corrections of mistakes into which I may chance to fall.

The work of grace at Waimea during your absence, must have been very reviving & refreshing to your feelings.

Desiring affect. regards to Mrs W. & Mr & Mrs Gulick, I am, my ~~very~~ dear Brother

very affectionately & truly yours

R. Anderson.

Missionary Rooms Boston Dec 16 1833.

Rev Messrs. Arms & Coan
Patagonia ——

Dear Brethren

It is four months to day since your embarkation for your untried field of ~~labour~~ research, & perhaps of suffering. By this time, if Providence has favored you, you are among the savage race for whose spiritual welfare you have so often prayed & have found I trust, that they have received orders to do you no harm. We often think of you & shall not cease to remember you. I sometimes love to think that we have at least one mission which has nothing to lean upon but God, & that is yours. And is it not enough if we can lean upon him? Shall such a reliance dis-appoint our expectations? Will he not put honour upon such a mission It was certainly a dis-appointment to me, when I found that information which I derived from the best sources was in some respects erroneous, & that vessels did not now go ~~to~~ up the

Western coast; but it was then too late to retreat & such a disappointment was necessary to shut us up to one single place of entrance; & to a sole dependance on God. May you find a door opened at your place of landing, which no man can shut, & return with the glad tidings, that the set time to publish the gospel to the miserable wanderers of Patagonia has come.

I make up a parcel for you of books and pamphlets, which will give you a knowledge of the more interesting events since you left us. Among the pamphlets are two copies of our annual Report, & the Heralds since August. The books are the life of Cornelius, & a volume of missionary sermons by Mr Smith. I also send a few letters recently come to hand for you. The whole I forward to Mr Burrows to be sent by the first opportunity. We have not heard of any opportunity to send since you sailed.

My arm has nearly recovered. The second fracture on the eve of your ~~departure~~ ordination was a serious matter. I have reason to bless God, that probably more good than evil has come out of it.

A series of meetings are now in progress in this city & there is considerable prospect of revival of religion among us. Indeed we hope the long absence of the Spirit from our land, & the rain of powder & dust are at an end, & that we are to have a general refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

We are about to call for 64 missionaries for the year 1834. It is a small number but unless the Lord of the harvest is entreated for us we shall not obtain more than half that number. How thankful we ought to be that 30 missionaries in a year are beginning to seem a small number to any! Such an impression is a step towards obtaining the men & their support. In the wilds of your great wilderness remember this topic in your prayers — the necessity of more laborers for the ripening harvest of the world.

I have now four children, three of them have been sick with scarlet fever, but are on the recovery. Mr Hill has five children sick with the same disease, & there is much reason to fear that one of them will not recover. We are

all pretty well at the Rooms. The senior Class at Andover will probably give us eight missionaries. I was there a short time since. Mr Smith & Mr Perkins received their Instructions in the chapel of the Seminary in September; and about a fortnight since Mr Schneider & Mr Johnston destined to Brousa, in Asia Minor. The effect through divine mercy, was very good.

Write by every possible opportunity, even should your letter come by the most circuitous & tardy route, & though you can write but a single line.

All the brethren at the Rooms desire love to you. The Lord be with you. I am dear brethren, most affectionately yours in the gospel of the Lord Jesus,

R Anderson.

Mr Levi Chamberlain
Honolulu, Sand. Islands

Missionary Rooms, Boston Dec 20. 1833

My Dear Brother,

Mr Thurston & Mr Bishop have both requested elementary classical books for their children. We send you five sets of the elementary books in Greek & Latin, which are most used in the schools of this city. Let Mr T. & Mr B. each have a set in case they need so many books or are likely to need them within a year or two; and make such a disposition of the others among the children; as you think proper; or if any of them are more needed by some of the brethren, then the books need not all go to the children. The ten copies of "Dr Payson's Select thoughts" will furnish one for each station. Cornelius' life & Smith's missionary sermons, are referred to your discretion, except that one of the latter goes to Mr Whitney, he being Mr Smith's uncle. We send three copies of the American Quarterly Observer

The letters rec^d from you were all acknowledged in the general letter sent by the Barque La Grange, & dated Oct. 30th A short general letter superscribed to Mr Bingham & yourself goes by the Avon, Capt. Paty, which take this. Letters & pamphlets & newspapers go as usual.

Desiring affec^t regards to Mrs C. as does Mrs A. also I am very truly yours, R Anderson

PS Hereafter I may perhaps send more of my letters unsealed to Honolulu as some of those addressed to individuals may purchance

contain statements of general interest not found in the general letters. They can be read, if there is time, sealed & forwarded according to their several directions.

Missionary Rooms, Boston Dec 2.
1833.

Rev. Reuben Tinker
Sandwich Islands

My dear Brother,

As the joint report of the deputation dated March last is in your handwriting, I acknowledge its reception to you. It came to hand nearly two months since. We have published but little yet concerning your mission as we waited for the joint report. Much of what you have said concerning the London Society missions was of course not designed for publication. We shall endeavour to make a discreet use of the document which is very satisfactory and valuable. The results of the visit to the Society & Georgian Islands are an abundant compensation for all the time & expense which were required. We feel much obliged to you for your two sermons, & to Mr Whitney & Mr Alexander for their private journals.

Were it easier for us to communicate with the Washington Islands directly from this country, I know not but it would be our duty to take immediate possession of them after the resolutions adopted by the London Society of which I have given some account in the general letter which goes by the Avon.

Desiring an affectionate remembrance to Mrs T.
I am very truly, yours.
R. Anderson.

Mr. Levi Chamberlain
Honolulu Sand. Islds.

M. Rooms Boston Dec 17 1833
My Dear Brother

The Brig Avon sails from this port in two or three days for the Islands, by way of one or two ports in South America, & we shall send parcels & letters by her. But as I am informed that a vessel is on the point of sailing direct from New York for Honolulu & will probably reach the Islands three or four

weeks sooner than the Avon, I send these few lines to go by her. I wrote a long letter by the La Grange a few weeks since, & sent parcels by her. I forward a copy of an last Report by mail to N York to accompany this.

We have not yet been able to obtain a suitable bookbinder, but are in correspondence with one who may perhaps prove to be a suitable man.

The Comm are looking for a man who combines an aptness to teach in spiritual things with a practical acquaintance with the art of weaving according to the olden custom. A quantity of looms &c. now out of use might be easily obtained to send with him.

We are half persuaded that it is desirable to send out men lay helpers to itinerate and take an oversight of schools. They would go out in the character of teachers, but it is doubtful whether the Comm will take any step of this kind without hearing the answers to their circular sent you sometime since —

R Anderson

Rev. Justin Perkins
Constantinople

M Rooms Boston Dec 23 1833

My Dear Brother

It has been stated in the papers that the vessel in which your brother Smith sailed arrived at Malta after the very short passage of 29 days. We are anxious to hear how you bore the voyage, & are hoping every day to be apprised that the Lord was pleased to bless the voyage to your speedy & complete recovery.

We send 6 sets of Messrs Smith & Dwights' Researches handsomely bound, of which you had

better reserve three or four, perhaps, to carry with you eastward. The residue will be at Mr. Dwight's disposal.

I am sorry to say that we have not yet obtained a physician, though we have had inquiries on train in respect to two or three. You had better not go eastward alone. I trust we shall succeed during the winter or spring in finding the suitable man.

In the last resort, should we not be able to procure another suitable person, what should you think of proposing the mission to Mr. Riggs now in Greece? My own mind has been repeatedly turned towards him, in case a physician of the right stamp cannot be obtained. I merely suggest this hypothetically — not at all as a proposal. I have a very favorable opinion of Mr. Riggs.

Beseeching the Lord to smile upon your preparatory studies & inquiries, & desiring to be affect.y remembered to Mrs. P., I am

Very truly Yours
R Anderson

P. S. You will excuse the error respecting your name in the Report. How you came to be called Jonas I do not understand.

Rev. Wm G. Schauffler
Constantinople

Mt Rooms Boston Dec 23 1833
My Dear Brother

I am happy to acknowledge your letters of the 11th & 16th of Sept.r, & the Journal of your residence at Paris & of your Journal thence as far as Stuttgard. Their contents are interesting & satisfactory. I am much obliged, also, by your copy of Mr. Rich's letter

to Mr Goodell, the greater part of which you will find in the Herald for January.

I am more & more of the opinion, that in the prosecution of missions our minds must approximate nearer to the high standard of ancient missionaries, & that the flames of martyrdom will blaze extensively before our work is done. Our mode of conducting missions, however, has necessarily been modified by the invention of the press, of science, & of schools — happily modified, no doubt — so that it becomes an interesting inquiry how far our advances should be tempered more cautiously than were those of the apostles, to save our apparatus. The original army of missionaries was composed of light armed troops, better fitted to make conquests, perhaps, than to retain them. — But this is a subject which I cannot now pursue. You will find some views connected with it in the 3d number of the American Quarterly Observer, which appear to me to be fundamental. After all, the power is wholly of God. Every thing we can carry into the field is mere lifeless machinery, without the accompanying energy of the Spirit of God.

You are still remembered with affection here, & will not be forgotten.

In haste, but very affectly. Yours

R Anderson

I write you Nov. 30th by Messrs Johnson & Schneider.

Rev. Messrs. Goodell & Dwight } M. Rooms Boston Dec 23 1833
Constantinople } Dear Brethren

I have the pleasure of acknowledging your letter of Aug. 28 1833, in duplicate

rec.d Nov. 30 & Dec.r 4.; Mr. Goodell's of Aug. 13th rec.d Nov.r 30th; Mr. Goodell's to Mr. Temple, in duplicate rec.d Nov. 30 & Dec.r 4th; Mr. Goodell's to Mr. Schlim in duplicate, rec.d Nov.r 30 & Dec.r 4th; Mr. Dwight's Aug. 10th rec.d Nov.r 30th; Aug. 13th, rec.d Dec.r 7th; Sept. 27. rec.d Dec.r 3d.

The cuts which were sent to Malta last summer will enable you to print an elementary work on Geometry, linear, plane, & solid. I have written to Prof. Farrar of Cambridge to learn what diagrams are necessary for such a treatise as you need on Geometry & Trigonometry; & they will be immediately prepared & forwarded to Smyrna.

I can find no large map of Turkey. I have procured a large map of the world such as hangs constantly before me to expand my own views, & pray that your Turkish visitors may soon regard it with the same feelings that I do: also a large map of Asia, & another of the United States.

Mr. Temple is authorized to procure the type necessary to print elementary books in the Turkish language; & also the type requisite for printing cards for Infant & Lancasterian schools among the Armenians. It seems to me that in respect to the types necessary to complete the Armenian fount, there was no need of waiting for the sanction of the Comitee. — There is no shorter & better way of procuring these type than through the Superintendant of the press. We should not know where it is best to apply for them, nor have we the knowledge sufficient to give the necessary directions. It would shorten the process very much, if, along with the request, the necessary information were to be transmitted to enable us to send an order direct to Europe. But this information, in the

present case, you could not give. Hereafter, with Mr. Wallock at Smyrna, it may be given. The safest way is to presume upon our total ignorance in such matters.

I have given Mr. Chapman a memorandum of the two areas needed. Mr. Dwight's request for books has been attended to; they go by this conveyance; I supposed they went by a vessel which sailed the other day; that vessel, the Brig Hamilton, took out Messrs Schneider & Johnston & their wives destined to Broosa.

I am greatly driven (as usual) a vessel being on the point of sailing for the Sandwich Islands. My letter is made up of memorandums I must refer you to the publications which accompany it for something better. We have had meetings in town almost every day for the last fortnight, & there is a prospect of a gracious visitation. I have been able to attend scarcely any of them. They have been thronged, & the Lord hath appeared unto many. I write to Mr. Perkins & to Mr. Schauffler. Wrote to Mr. Dwight on 30 th ult. Hope to write by this opportunity to Mr. Whiting. Must write to Syria.

Devising affec. regards to your partners, & to all, I am most truly Yours

R Anderson

Mr. Homan Wallock, Smyrna } Mr Rooms, Boston Dec 23 1833

My Dear Brother

Your favor of the 8th of Oct came to hand a few days since, but we have not been able to get the box which accompanied it through the Custom House in time for me to obtain a sight of the machine

which you were so good as to send us. Your description is so lucid, that I presume I shall be able to put the instrument in a working condition, & then I will write you more about it.

When you have become settled, & Mrs. Hallock has put measures in train for her school of Greek children, I shall be glad to know what we can do to help her in her work.

I congratulate you & her on the happy access in to your family. I also have a son five weeks old, & now have two sons & two daughters. Mrs. A. is quite well. The three eldest children have been afflicted with the scarlet fever, & Mr. Hill's family have been much distressed by it: but through divine mercy we all yet live.

Company has been in & taken up the time I had devoted to this letter, & now I must close with desiring an affectionate remembrance to Mrs. H. & your children, & assuring you that I am very truly Yours

R Anderson

Sir Alexander Johnstone
London

Mt Rooms, Boston Dec. 28 1833

Dear Sir

I wrote you on the 23d of Jany. acknowledging the reception of a copy of your letter of the 22d of Sept. 1832 to Mr. Vaill, our Chargé d'Affaires at London, together with a copy of the Resolution of Thanks to our Board of Foreign missions, passed by the subscribers of the Oriental Translation Fund of Great Britain and Ireland on the 23d of June 1832. The letter was forwarded to you through the hands of Mr. Vaill, and I hope it was duly received.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions held its 24th Annual Meeting in the city of Philadelphia, on the 18th, 19th, & 20th days of September, when the following preamble and Resolution were

unanimously ordered to be placed upon the Minutes of the Meeting: viz.

"A Resolution of the Subscribers of the Oriental Translation Fund of Great Britain & Ireland having been submitted to the Board, together with a letter from Sir Alexander Johnstone, in both which a favorable notice is taken of the operations of the Board in Ceylon; therefore,

"Resolved, That a respectful acknowledgment of this Board be communicated to the subscribers of the Oriental Translation Fund of Great Britain & Ireland, through Sir Alexander Johnstone, for the favorable opinion expressed by them of its influence in Ceylon; with an assurance that the labors of that association are regarded by many in this country with a great & increasing interest, and that the Board will always be happy to render them any assistance compatible with its main object."

These proceedings, Dear Sir, you will have the goodness to communicate to the subscribers of the Oriental Translation Fund.

I have delayed writing this letter till I could send you a copy of the Annual Report read at the late meeting of our Board. A copy, addressed to you, is about being forwarded to the Secretaries of the London Missionary Society, by a London packet which sails from New York.

I am dear Sir, with great respect & esteem

Your Obedt Servant
R Anderson

Rev. Wm Goodell } M Rooms Boston U.S.A. Jany. 2
Constantinople } 1834 -
My Dear Sir

A letter has been received here, of which I send you a copy below; & to which I have replied, that we cannot answer its inquiries till we hear from you, recommending that in the mean time, the young ladies should appropriate their money "to the education of female children under the direction of Rev. Mr. Goodell Constantinople." Please return an answer, by the earliest opportunity to the inquiries in the letter.

Present my affectionate regards to Mrs. Goodell, & to the other missionary brethren & sisters associated with you.

With much esteem and affection
Yours in the fellowship of the Gospel
B B Wisner

Copy

To the Secretaries of } Augusta Me. Dec. 23. 1833
the A. B. C. F. M. } Gentlemen

A class of young ladies in the Sabbath School of this town, though able to do but very little, yet feeling desirous of contributing something for the cause of Christian benevolence, have expressed the following wish, viz. That some destitute female orphan child, not exceeding ten years of age, and near some missionary station, should be selected and placed within the reach of Christian influences, with opportunities of acquiring such measure of education as would enable her to read and understand the leading doctrines of salvation through a crucified Redeemer.

The preference would be, that Mr. & Mrs. Goodell of Constantinople should, for that purpose take the trouble of selecting some girl of Greek or Armenian family, & have her sent for under their oversight, as that Mr. G. might from time to time transmit some account of her progress.

& so on — see letter from Asa Redington Jr dated Augusta Me. Dec. 23 1833 on file —

Mr. Timothy Dwight } Mt Room, Boston Jany. 2 1834
New York city } My Dear Brother

Your favor of the 25th Ulto. was duly received, and gave me the first information of your being in N. York city. I had somehow received the strong impression that you designed to spend the greater part of a year in the Seminary at New Haven after leaving Amherst, & therefore presumed you were at New Haven. I find, however, on recurring to your letter of March 11th, that such an impression was not authorised. You there stated, that you knew nothing to prevent your being ready in about a year. The impression just mentioned crowded the recollection of this remark out of my mind.

The medical knowledge you are now acquiring will be of use to you in any part of Western Asia. You remark that after completing the Lectures, you "must engage in some profitable employment, to meet current & defray past expenses." Allow me to ask how much you are in debt. If I knew the amount, perhaps I could suggest some methods of reducing it.

You will see by the schedule in the January number of the Herald, that we lose sight of Tribyzond for the present. The same number will inform you that Broosa is to be occupied, Providence permitting, by Messrs Johnston & Schneider. This was unexpected by me until near the time of their embarkation. Their Instructions, in that number, will lay open Asia Minor to your inspection as a missionary field — as far as it can be laid

open, perhaps, without being more thoroughly explored.

Suppose you were to regard Asia Minor as your field, leaving the particular station to be determined after you had visited some of the more promising ports. In that case you would do well, I suppose, to go to Constantinople, with your wife, (should you marry) & remain there till you had acquired some knowledge of the language which it would be desirable for you to learn first. At Constantinople you would enjoy very good advantages for preparing yourself for future labors in any part of the country. So far as the Coll^e is concerned, your designation is still pretty general; but it is time that it be rendered more precise, & I put these inquiries to prepare the way.

Perhaps the summer is the best time to leave this country, but almost any time is proper enough in respect to Constantinople.

Your wife would be glad of female company, & that she might not have till the next summer or autumn.

May the gracious Lord guide & bless you.

I am, dear brother, most truly Yours,

R Anderson

Rev. S. Thomas Secretary of the Lausanne Evangelical Miss^y. Society

Missionary Rooms Boston U.S.A.
Decr. 26 1833

Rev & Dear Sir

You will no doubt hear with some surprise that your letter of Jany. 29th, addressed to our Board of Missions, was received within three months from the time it was written, & that an answer has been so long delayed. As it devolved on me to write the answer, I ought to explain the reason of the delay.

Owing to my want of familiarity with the French language, especially in manuscript, I overlooked the reason assigned at the close of your letter for an immediate reply, & allowed other very urgent business to occupy me till I was called to New York city, at the commencement of summer. Shortly after my return, I was precipitated from a stage coach, & my right arm broken; & a month after, the fracture was renewed. This circumstance, & an extraordinary combination of others with which I need not trouble you, have led to a partial neglect of business, which I hope will not occur again, especially as some new arrangements in our executive offices are enabling us to reduce our manifold business more and more to a system. The nature of this arrangement, the extent of our operations, & the degree of favor with which the Lord is pleased to regard our efforts to publish his gospel to heathen nations, you will learn from our last Annual Report, of which we have sent you two copies. We also send to your Society the copies of the Missionary Herald, our monthly publication. Should you not receive our Annual Report and monthly journal regularly, we shall be happy to be informed of the fact. Through what channel can they be forwarded most speedily & safely, & with the least expense to your Society?

The delay in answering your letter is, on one account, a matter of joy to me, as it has afforded us an opportunity to receive, before writing you, some very gratifying testimony, from an intelligent friend who visited Lausanne a few months since, as to the similarity between the religious views & feelings prevalent there and in New England. You are aware, dear Sir, that the fundamental principles of the gospel & the essential truths

of Christian character may be combined, in the minds of men, with a great variety of views on minor points, & with a great diversity of feeling & modes of thinking and acting. To ensure harmony in our operations, without which there cannot be efficiency, we have supposed there must be a certain degree of resemblance in the religious views and habits of our missionaries. For this reason we should not think it expedient that our Society should receive Episcopalians, Baptists, or Wesleyan Methodists under its direction as missionaries: We should prefer having them go forth under societies composed of members of their several denominations. Our missionaries all belong, at present, to the Presbyterian, Congregational, & Reformed Dutch denominations. The professed doctrines of these 3 denominations are the same; — the Presbyterians & Congregationalists adopting as a standard the Westminster shorter Catechism, & the Reformed Dutch adopting the articles of the Synod of Dort. And so similar is their discipline, that ministers & candidates for the ministry are continually passing & repassing, without impediment or inconvenience, from one to the other. The religious views & habits of our Evangelical brethren at Lausanne appear to be formed on the same general model. The statement of doctrinal views in your letter is highly gratifying to our Coll^e; but, chiefly, for prudential reasons in relation to our patrons, it would be necessary to receive a somewhat more extended exhibition of the doctrinal views & ecclesiastical usages inculcated in your institute, before we appointed any of the students missionaries of our Society. No doubt you have printed documents which contain this information, but which we have never seen.

Our missionaries have, in general, been liberally educated, & in most cases we require them to go through the entire course of classical

& theological studies common to ministers who become settled pastors in our large cities & more important parishes; — i.e. four years in some college, after a preparatory course of elementary & classical studies; & three years in a theological seminary, after having obtained a degree of Bachelor of Arts in a college. The amount of education, after all, varies with the advantages afforded by the several institutions (which do not differ materially,) & the talents & industry of the student. But the same course of study is required, in general, of all the candidates for missionary employment. And our Board see more & more reason for adhering to this high standard of qualifications for missionary service, in reference to all the various fields of mission. labor.

It is proper to remark, also, that young men from the various theological Seminaries of our own country do not receive an appointment as missionaries, without a particular written testimonial respecting their character, attainments & qualifications for the service, from their instructors in the seminary at which they are educated. We require, moreover, a written offer of service from each of the young men themselves, accompanied by a brief account of their Christian experience, & of their motives in devoting themselves to this holy and self denying enterprise. — There would, of course, be special reason for extending this rule to candidates residing and educated in a foreign land; & the letters of the candidates, & the testimonials from their instructors & pastors could scarcely be too full & explicit.

I have gone into a statement of these facts & principles, because they are important to be known at the commencement of our correspondence. We have never yet received any missionaries

into connection with our Society, who were not educated in our own country; & should we depart from that usage, our patrons will demand that it be not without the most satisfactory documentary evidence that such a step is both safe & expedient. And I have no doubt, dear sir, but that this frank statement of the case will commend itself to the good judgment of yourself & your associates.

We have one field in which the knowledge of the French language would be of considerable use to a missionary; & that is among the Ojibwa or Chippeway Indians, in the country south of Lake Superior & around the head waters of the Mississippi river. This is a large & interesting field. We have already formed a number of stations in it, & hope soon to increase the number — as you will perceive on reading our late Annual Report. We shall confine our efforts, for the present, to our own extensive territory, & not enter the Canadas. Should any of your young men come into connection with our Society, that is the field to which they would probably be assigned. The climate is cold, but unhealthy.

I ought to add, that the young men of our theological seminaries do not usually receive appointments as missionaries, until they have entered the last year of their studies preparatory to the ministry. The offer of service is made, the testimonials are forwarded, & the appointments given, in the early part of that year.

Satisfactory testimonials are also required concerning the character & qualifications of the wife, in the case the missionary chooses to be married; but these are usually procured and forwarded by the missionary, & not by the lady herself — from motives of delicacy. The missionary & his family receive as comfortable a provision for their daily wants as circumstances will permit, but no

allowance to enable him to accumulate property. The principles, which govern our several missionary communities, & which run through our whole system, you will learn more fully from our code of Laws & Regulations, of which I send you a copy as published in the appendix to our 23 Report. — The annual expense of a missionary among the Ojibwas, may be from 400 to 500 Spanish dollars.

The expense in the Canadas cannot be more, and probably would be less; — & we see not why your Society might not establish & maintain a mission there, provided the mission included 2 ordained missionaries, possessing a good knowledge of men, & a sound and enlightened practical judgment and devoted piety.

I think it highly probable that the American Home Missionary Society would gladly employ some of your pious, zealous, & discreet missionaries among the French population of the Canadas; & also in Louisiana, the capital of which is New Orleans. This Society has its seat in New York city, & its corresponding secretary is the Rev. Absalom Peters, D.D. Should you open a correspondence with him, you could refer him to us, if you please, for information on a number of points.

We are not acquainted with the Antilles, & cannot answer your inquiry concerning these islands.

In many parts of the Levant, the French language is of considerable use to the missionary at the outset of his career, especially among the Greeks. But a missionary in the Levant needs to have a pretty liberal supply of funds for schools & books, or he will feel, at least, that his usefulness is circumscribed, & will be in danger of growing discontented & despondency.

I believe, dear Sir, that I have made myself intelligible. Our Comte, for prudential reasons, desire more information before taking any decisive steps towards bringing any of the young men of your institute into connection with us as missionaries. I hope you will have no occasion to imitate my example, but that we may be favored with a speedy reply to this communication. That we have need of missionaries, you will perceive by a statement in the Missionary Herald for January 1834, in which we shall ask the churches for 64 ordained missionaries, besides lay helpers, to send forth during that year. We are not prepared, however, to lower our standard of qualifications for the sake of obtaining more men from our own churches; apprehending that evil, rather than good, would in the end come from such a step.

We cordially reciprocate your expression of sincere affection, and of our fellowship with you in the gospel of our Lord & Saviour, & in the work of propagating it among the benighted nations of the earth; & we beseech an interest in your prayers.

In behalf of the Prudential Comte of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions

R Anderson Secy. for Foreign correspondence

Rev. Chs. S. Stewart, Mediterranean.

Missionary Rooms, Boston, Jany 10, 1834

My Dear Brother,

That you may understand the reason of my doing as I shall presently describe, I will transcribe a paragraph from a letter I received recently from Mr. Richards of Lahaina.

"When Mr. Stewart was here in 1829, he took of the Princess & of Kekauonohe, if I mistake not, 120 dollars in money, for which he was to send them

elegant bonnets. He sent two plain bonnets by Mr. Batwin, at an expense of $12.50, & wished me to say definitely to them, that there was nearly $100 in his hands & that he would send the bonnets desired by the next opportunity. Four years have now elapsed, (Dec. 1832), & they have frequently spoken to me on the subject, & unquestionably think very strange that the bonnets do not arrive. Our reputation is involved in Mr. Stewart's."

Mr. R. then requests that, should you be out of the country so that we cannot very speedily ascertain whether you have sent the articles, we should purchase bonnets, lace veils, &c. to the value of $95, & send them by the first opportunity, with directions what to do with them in case you should have arrived.

This our Comm. instructed us to do, & Mr. Hill has placed the following memorandum in my hands with a desire that I would communicate the substance of it to you.

"Contents of box sent Mr. Barque La Grange, Nov. 2 1833;—

1 Bonnet & Plumes —		29.75
1 do —	do —	27.50
Blond lace for both		35.—
Flannel & packing boxes		3.—
2 Tin Boxes —	4.—	6.37
making 3 Boxes,	2.37	
		$101.62

"Mr. Stoddard who made the purchases & attended particularly to the selection, &c. says,— 'The bonnets elegantly finished have been packed in two wooden boxes lined with flannel, & each sealed up in tin cases, marked properly, & the two tin cases put in a strong packing case & addressed to Mr. Richards'."

We presumed you had sent the bonnets, but as it was possible the subject had escaped

your recollection subsequently to the sailing of Mr. Baldwin, & more probable that you had sent them & they had miscarried; & as it was highly important, in the present delicate relations of the mission to the government, that there should be no ground for suspicion & alienation, it was thought best to do as we have done. Should you have made the shipment, Mr. Hill will of course cancel this charge against you on his books. They will be delivered to the Princes & Kekauonohi in your name, if delivered to them at all.

The circumstances of this affair will be rather trying to your feelings, but I hope you will approve of our proceedings as being on the whole judicious & proper.

The enclosed letter from Mr. Richards came to me in the one, of which I have sent you an extract.

Soon after I saw you in New York city, I had the misfortune to break my right arm, & a month afterwards I renewed the fracture. Having to acquire the art of writing by dictation, & having an unusual number of documents to prepare in addition to my ordinary correspondence, & wishing to make out a schedule of topics with care on which we were desirous of information, — I wrote Mr. Tracy asking what would be the latest day of your departure. To this letter I received no reply. Meanwhile Mr. Hill visited New York, & informed me that you were printing a new work, & were not expected to sail for a number of weeks. He was misinformed, as, a few days after, I saw a notice of your sailing in the papers, & learned, from the New York Observer that you were to write for that purpose. The information we should desire for the Herald is therefore pledged, no doubt. There is one request, however which I would make with earnestness. It is, that should you visit any of our missions,

you will communicate, in confidence, any information for the use of our Comte, which may seem to you important to the cause. Many such things will not fail to occur to you, which would be unsuitable for publication, & yet exceedingly valuable to us. Suggestions, ~~openings~~ opinions, & information, also, in respect to the most desirable posts for new missions or stations, would be very gratefully received.

I send you a copy of our last Report, & also the late numbers of the Missionary Herald.

To our brethren in different parts of the Mediterranean, you will need no letter of introduction, as your works have been read by all, & all will receive you with confidence & pleasure. May the Lord guide & bless you, Dear Brother, & make you eminently instrumental till death in promoting the cause of Christian missions to the unevangelized nations & tribes of men.

Very affectionately & truly your friend & brother in the Gospel.
R Anderson

Rev. W. Ledeboer Secy. of the Netherlands Miss'y Soc'y.
Rotterdam —

M. Rooms, Boston U.S.A.
Janry. 10 1834

Dear Brother

With this we send you the last (24th) Report of our Society, from which you will learn the nature & extent of our missions among the heathen. We also send you the numbers of our Missionary Herald, the monthly publication of our Society, which we shall continue to forward regularly. You will find an error in the January Herald for the present year, in respect to the number of missionaries connected with your Society, which I regret. The editor was led astray by another work, in which he placed confidence. We

will correct the error as soon as we obtain more definite information concerning your missions in the Indian Archipelago:

We have received your publications, though not with perfect regularity; nor do we find it so easy to obtain translations of them, as we should do in the middle States of our Republic. We shall be gratified, however, by continuing to receive them. Address them to Rev. R. Anderson, Boston; care of Mr. George M Tracy, Agent of the A. B. C. F. M. Nassau Street N. York city.

We hail you as fellow laborer in this, with all the cordiality of christian fellowship, & pray that the divine blessing may constantly & every where attend your labors.

I am, Dear Sir, with great respect,
Your Brother in the Gospel
R Anderson

Dea. Alfred White
Brookfield Mass.

Mr. Rooms Boston Jany. 16 1834
My Dear Sir

I wrote you on the 25th of November, in reply to yours of the 13th, & requested that the Comte might be favored with the opinion of your attendant physician as to the disorder, with which God has been pleased to afflict your daughter. Not having had any reply, I fear the letter did not reach you, & will therefore send you a duplicate of the greater part of the letter.

[here followed a copy of what is marked in letter to Dea. White Page 438 of this book]

A special reason for writing you again, just at this time, is, that a few days since we received a letter from Miss (or Mrs.) O. W. Hawland, in behalf of the ladies of West Brookfield, wishing to know what outfit will be necessary for Miss White in her anticipated voyage to China the

coming Spring. I shall write to her of course, giving her such information as is in my power; but the Comte, as you will readily perceive, are constrained to desire that the necessary documents may be speedily placed in their possession, so that they may know how soon it will be proper for them to procure a passage for Miss White to the remote field in which she has so laudable a desire to labor for Christ. It would seem to be proper that that point should be determined before any other steps are taken, & in this view of the subject we have no doubt of the fullest concurrence of yourself & your family.

I am, my dear Sir, very respty. & truly Yrs

R Anderson

Mrs. P. W. Howland
West Brookfield Mass.

M Rooms Boston Jany. 16 1834

Dear Madam

Most of the articles of dress needed by a lady going to the S. E. Asia, will of course be for summer wear. We provide for a 4 month's voyage, taking into view the number of changes for that time, & the fact that no washing can be done at sea. The cotton under-dress provided for the voyage, will suffice for a year or two after the termination of the voyage. The same is true of some other articles of apparel.

We have not any list of articles, which would be of much use as a guide to the ladies. If I were to make one, it would be by noting down the several articles of dress, & employing some lady to assist me in determining how many of these would severally be needed for a two years wear, & of what description they ought to be. And such a list it will

be very easy for the ladies to make — only keeping in view the fact that the weather, for the most part, will be very warm. Yet there ought to be provision for cold days, & perhaps weeks, when the sensation of coldness may be very trying, though the thermometer may not be low.

Should the health of Miss White be such as to permit her to go, next summer, (which we greatly desire may be the case,) she will also need to take with her many things which are necessary in the household establishment; such as bedding, &c. &c.

In great haste but very Respectfully & truly Yours R Anderson

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Mr. Peter Parker
New Haven Con.

Mr. Rooney Boston Jany. 16 1834

My Dear Brother

Yours of the 9th instant has been received & laid before the Comee. We know of no objection to your going in the Morison with Mr. Olyphant, according to his invitation, provided the Professors of your Seminary will cheerfully consent to your leaving the Seminary at that time. Nor do we see any objection to your commencing a mission on the eastern coast of China, whenever you shall think it proper to make the attempt.

The fact that a Presbytery undertakes to support a missionary, does not affect his relation to the Board in any degree. He does not go out "under" that Presbytery.

The Presbytery has nothing to do in determining his designation, or in directing his movements. The Presbytery engages to pay into the Treasury of the Board the estimated average amount of his expenses, & will expect to receive a letter from him about once a year, fitted to excite

an interest in their churches. We should be very sorry to have any Presbytery, which has been long interested in the work of missions & has become able to go for the whole work, leaning upon the stuff of a specific object; – for the China mission is but one part of the many which constitute our whole great work. I would not encourage the N York Presbyteries to narrow down their views, desires, & prayers to China.

As the Presbytery of Wilmington is small, it might stimulate them in the outset if they pledged themselves to pay 666 dollars, or even 600 a year. We should not think of sending them, or any other Presbytery, an account of your expenses – The amount would vary with your circumstances, & according to the number of objects included. Should a N York Presbytery insist on supporting you, it probably ought to pay 1000 dollars, that you might be furnished at their cost with the means of doing good. I hope, however, that these specific appropriations will not be encouraged by the Christians of New York or Boston. They do well enough for money. Better have men taught to give from principle, & to live for the conversion of the world.

In haste, but very affy. & truly Yours

R Anderson

Mr. Saml. R. Houston, Union Theol. Semy. Va.

Mr Room, Boston January 16, 34

My Dear Brother,

It is interesting to me always to obtain a new correspondent, when he is to be a missionary of the Board. May our future intercourse ever be guided & blessed by the Spirit of truth & love!

We can foresee no objection to Mr. Alger's

embarking any time next spring or summer; and if you are not ready to go quite so soon, he can be very well employed while waiting for you at Smyrna or Constantinople. Indeed it would not be worth while for him to wait for you here, as it is important that at least one of you should become somewhat acquainted with one of the spoken languages of the country before you proceed into the interior. Precisely in what part of Asia Minor you will be stationed we cannot now tell, & perhaps it cannot be determined till you have gone upon the ground and made observation of the comparative claims of different places. What we purpose concerning the Lesser Asia, (the Lord willing,) you will see in the Instructions to Messrs. Johnston & Schneider in the Herald for January.

Should you not go at the same time with Mr. Adger, you would be expected to embark as early as may be in the autumn. We usually advise theological students to complete their course in their respective seminaries, & the rule is good as a general one. Should you & your instructors, however, concur in the opinion that it is better for you, all things considered, to accompany Mr. Adger, I have no reason to think that our Board would seriously object.

Whether you make the Turkish or the Modern Greek your first & principal study after arriving in Asia, must depend on the part of Asia Minor in which you should reside, & that cannot now be determined. At any rate, a knowledge of Arabic & of ancient Greek will not fail to be of use. Unless, however, your advantages for the study of Arabic are pre-eminently good, I would not advise you to touch it at present. Rather occupy your leisure hours in acquiring general knowledge; &

especially cultivate an acquaintance with the ecclesiastical & civil history of the oriental church.

You ask what kinds of work you will have to perform. Preaching (especially what is termed conversational preaching) conversation, preparing a variety of works for the press, instituting & superintending schools, &c. &c. — you can imagine what. Your acquisitions can not be too multifarious, nor too much imbued with the spirit of the Gospel.

Excepting that it will be well to bestow some thought upon your matrimonial arrangements, if you design to go forth a married man, & have no one in view; — I think of nothing else which cannot be deferred. Your marriage will of course be one of the last things, & your outfit can be provided in a short time.

In haste, but very affy. & truly Yours
R. Anderson

My Dear Sir Boston Jany 22. 1834

I send you a memorandum which I beg you will give some attention as soon as you have a few leisure moments. We have to purchase a great many books for our Mission & ought to have the best.

Please add any others not referred to in the memorandum which occurs to you. You will perceive I have omitted many whole classes.

Affectionately Yours
R. Anderson

Rev Dr Robinson
Chesnut St Boston

Memorandum of Books

1 Helps in general for settling the orthography & syntax

of an unwritten language, preparing Grammars, Lexicons &c

2nd Helps in translating the scriptures.

3. Best elementary works Greek & Latin languge for the children of Missionaries

4. Best works (for those, who know only the English language) in critical, Dogmatical, controversial & Practical Theology. &c

5. Best works in Latin. & 6 Best works in German

7. Best histories of various religions, & superstitions, especially in English.

8. Best views of the history of particular nations, & of mankind, in the English language.

9. Most valuable Voyages & travels, of European origin for our purpose

Mr. Henry I. Venable
Union Semy. Prince Edward Co. Va.

Mr. Rooms Boston Jany. 22 1834

My Dear Brother

Yours of the 4th inst. was received a few days since.

We shall call your mission, "Mission to East Africa", - not southeastern. I have not yet been able to ascertain with certainty the times and duration of the northwest & southeast winds, - the principal winds of that coast; nor am I sure in which of them, vessels would prefer going to Port Natal, though I conjecture the former. The healthy season on the east coast is between April & September, or in the rainy season. I presume, however that Natal lies within the temperate & more healthy parts of Africa; at least, I find nothing yet to the contrary, & the allusions to that part of the coast in Owen's voyages are such as to give one very favorable ideas of it. So far as I am now

informed, I think your best time to embark will be about this time in 1835. But then I may be mistaken, & we may not find a vessel just at that time.

I recommend Owen's Voyages on the Eastern coast 2 vols. 12 mo, republished by the Harpers last year. You will find repeated allusions to Port Natal, & no very encouraging account of the coast north of Delagoa Bay. You will find No. 16 of the Family Library, entitled "Discovery & adventure in Africa", well worth reading. Dr Philips' Researches in S. Africa, 2 vols. 8 vo., have not been reprinted in this country, but are exceedingly instructive. Read, also, Campbell's travels if you can get access to them. He made 2 journies.

You will receive your support when in the field, but not in the form of a salary - at least for some years. In our two oldest missions the support has received the form of salary; the necessary expenses are known by long experience. The European settlement at Port Natal is English. I think it will be scarcely be worth your while to study the German. Mr. Champion, one of your Andover brethren, is said to be a very good belles lettres scholar, but how much taste he has for the cultivation of language I do not know. The names of those brethren are George Champion & Aldin Grout. They are excellent men. I sent your letter to them.

You will all need the assistance of wine, but be sure to seek for good ones where only you have reason to find them - from the Lord. I presume you have right views on that point. Be not, however, in too much haste. We are as anxious that

the females should be thoroughly qualified for the work, as that the males should be. Your marriages will of course be deferred till a short time before your departure.

Praying the Lord to bless you exceedingly & to furnish you thoroughly for your future work, I am very affy. & truly Yours

R. Anderson

Mr. George Champion
Theol. Sem. Andover

N. Rooms Jany. 22 1844

My Dear Brother

I know not where you can get Campbell's 2d Tour. The first was republished in this country, & perhaps the second. There is a newspaper published at Cape Town, but what the nature of it is I do not know. Should you import books through our agent in London, your best way would be to purchase a note of the Bank of England, (in case one can be found) or a Bill, & enclose it, with instructions to place the balance, in case there is one in your favor, to our credit.

I do not hear of any 2d Edn. of Dr. Philip's Letter. One of you had better write to Princeton on the subject. We will purchase some part of a 2d edition.

I know not what to advise with respect to Dr. Scudder's letters. It is not probable that our Comte will think it best to reprint them as a Miss'y. paper.

I cannot yet say anything positive as to the time when you will embark. The healthy season on the east coast is between April & September; or the rainy season; — but perhaps it is healthy at Port Natal at all seasons. I cannot determine certainly the times & duration of the N. W. & S.E. winds, the prevalent winds on the S. E. coast; nor do I know in which of these a ship would most easily touch at Natal. I hope to settle these points soon.

The most probable time for your sailing is about this time next year. All, however, is conjecture; we may be obliged to go sooner, or remain longer here.

Very truly Yours R Anderson

We shall call our mission "Mission to East Africa"; not southeast. We have designs upon the whole coast.

A/ Mons. A. S. Malan Geneve; (Suisse)

Mr Rooms Boston U.S.A. January 24 1834 —

My Dear Sir

Both of your letters, written in March last, have been received, & the last came in season to prevent our making any publication of your first. Both were gratifying to us; — first by affording evidence that our work is read by some in the city of Calvin; & secondly, by furnishing intelligence, which we had not before, concerning a country, whose history has greatly interested us, & whose present religious condition is more & more deserving of attention. There will probably be occasions soon, on which this information may be used to very good advantage.

You make mention of Lausanne. We should be glad to know more about the Missionary Institute in that place; also about the churches, to which that Institute specially looks for its students and its means of support. In what respects do the missionary Institutes at Lausanne & Basle agree, & in what respects differ, in their views of Christian doctrine? In spirit we suppose they are the same; perhaps also in doctrinal views; but in respect to this latter point we are not yet as well informed as we wish to be.

Does the doctrine of the final salvation of all men receive countenance among the pious of Switzerland —?

Should you think proper to answer any of these inquiries, I should be glad to know whether the views you may express receive the sanction of your Honored Father; as we have many reasons for desiring the most certain information concerning those two interesting Seminaries.

I will send you a copy of our last Annual Report if I can do so without subjecting you to much expense for Postage.

Desiring to be respectfully commended to your Father, & praying that you may enjoy the guidance & rich consolations of the blessed Spirit, I am very truly

Yours in the Gospel
R. Anderson Sec.y

Mr. A. S. Malan
Geneva Switzerland

Rev. C. F. Schlienz
Malta

Missionary Rooms Boston
Jan.y 23. 1834

My Dear Brother

I send to the care of Mr. American Consul for you two copies of the Biblical Repository for the present month. Should you prefer having them pass through any other channel, we will follow your directions. We also send our last Annual Report & our Monthly publication. If you fail to receive our publications regularly, it will be from accident, not from design, on our part, & we should be glad to know it.

You must be gratified & doubtless have felt constrained to give thanks to God, on account of the unexpected demand for some of your Arabic books for the new Turkish School at Constantinople.

We do well to be encouraged in our work by such events.

With Affectionate remembrance I am dear brother

Your friend & fellow laborer
R Anderson

I ought long since to have acknowledged your favor of Apr. 24. 1832. by the hands of Mr Smith

Rev. & Dear Sir

Missionary Rooms Boston
Jany 24. 1834

Your favor of March 29. 1833 in reply to my letter was duly received. The sum of one thousand Dollars appropriated by our Committee for the support of American schools under the superintendence of Mr Dittrich, was remitted to our Missionaries at Constantinople, to be applied according to the Terms of the resolution I sent you. Intelligence since received concerning your Mission in Georgia makes me fear that Mr Dittrich will find it impracticable to do much for the Americans of that quarter. We are not discouraged; and the money will be at his disposal, should he persevere in his determination to labor for the good of that people, and be able to spend the money judiciously in the education of the people.

I believe the resolution respecting books, contained an omission of some consequence, as copied in my letter to you. The resolution ought to have been written thus:-

"That the superintendent of the Malta press be authorized to print gratuitously, any books in the language of Asiatic Russia, which shall be furnished by the Rev Mr Dittrich Missionary of the Basle Missionary Society, and approved by the superintendent, so far as shall be consistent with the other engagements of the press, to the value of $1000. Dollars; and that the books so printed be distributed under the direction of Mr Dittrich

In our copy of the letter sent to you the words which have a line under them are omitted.

I earnestly desire and pray that Mr Dittrich may be able to avail himself of these appropriations to the utmost. Our Monthly publication is sent to you according to your request. Two copies of our last (24th) Annual Report have also been transmitted.

You will receive in due time, if you have not already, a copy of Messrs Smith & Dwights Researches in Armenia 2nd Vol 12 mo; & we shall send you copies of Mr Smiths Missionary

Sermons & Addresses, & probably a number of other American Publications relating to Missions. At present we shall not be under the necessity of subjecting you to any expenses on account of the books we send you, except those of transportation from this country. We shall send them to the care of Mr Selin N. York

May I ask for a copy of your Missionary History for our Library. Praying the Lord to bless your labors abundantly I am Rev & Dear Sir most respectfully Yours

R. Anderson

Rev. Wm Cogswell, D. D.
Secy. of Am. Ed. Society

Mt Rosa Jany. 28 1834

My Dear Brother

I have made out the following list without any reference to a sum total, letting that be greater or less, as it might happen. We of course know more about some of the places & countries here mentioned, than we do about others; but it is my strong belief, that, if we had the suitable missionaries, we should do well to send them very much in accordance with the schedule I send you.

Estimate of new missionaries, who might now be easily & advantageously employed by the American Board, in case they could be obtained.

Liberated Greece; —		
Peloponnesus	2	
Continental Greece	2	4
Macedonia		
Salonica		2
Asia Minor;		
Philadelphia, or vicinity	2	
Cilicia	2	
Cappadocia	2	
Galatia	2	
Phrygia	2	
Paphlagonia & Pontus	4	14
Cyprus		2
Samos		2
		24

Brought up — 24

Syria & Palestine; —
Tripoli — 2
Latakia — 2
Sidon — 2
Jerusalem or Jaffa, 2
Damascus — 2 — 10

Mesopotamia; —
Diarbekir — 2
Syrian Jns & Nestorian further south — 2 — 4

Mohammedans of Turkey — 1

Persia; —
Nestorians of Persia — 1
Mohammedans, &c explore 4 — 5

To explore between Persia & the Indus, & about Cashmere, &c. — 2

To explore in the neighborhood of Bukharia — 2

To prosecute inquiries in reference to Thibet, &c. 2

India; —
For Mahratta Country (Bombay mission) 10
Tamul race on the southeastern shore of the peninsula (travel of Ceylon mission) — 6 — 16

Siam, — 2

Countries east, to explore, — 4

China, to engage immediately in the study of the language, & attempt missions on the eastern shore, & elsewhere; bold & discreet men, — 10

Indian Archipelago;
Sumatra, Java, Borneo, Celebes, New Guinea, &c. &c — 50

Marquesas (Washington Islands) — 2

Sandwich Islands — 4

Africa; —
North Africa, — 4
West Africa — 15
East Africa — 12 — 31

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North American Indians; (Brought up 169

Ojibwas & other northwestern Indians,	6	
Sauk Winnebagoes, & Sioux,	15	
Tribes west of the State of Mississippi & the Territory of Arkansas, towards & beyond the Rocky mountains	25	
Choctaws & Creeks	8	
Osages	4	
Cherokees West of Mississ.i	2	
Senecas	1	61
Total		230

The openings would multiply as we advanced, & in a very few years we could easily & advantageously employ two or three thousand. May our gracious Lord grant you his blessing in your appeals to the good people of this city. Most truly yours friend & brother

R. Anderson

P.S. I have been over this last with brother Wisner, & he concurs with me in the opinion & that it is correct, & moderate.

Enoch Hale M. D. West Street } M. Rooms Boston Jany. 30 1834

My Dear Sir

I am instructed by our Comte to submit the enclosed letter you, for advice in the case. Miss White is under engagements of marriage to the Rev. Ira Tracy, one of our China missionaries, now probably at Canton. She was prevented from marrying & accompanying him last summer, by the disease described by Dr. Manick. The question is, whether the Comte will be authorised to consent to her making arrangements, to go in the spring, or

sometime next summer? There will be a favorable opportunity, & a missionary physician will probably be in the same ship with her.

We are not sure that you have data enough to form an opinion; but such an opinion as you can form, given in writing, at an early day, will greatly oblige us.

Most truly Yours
R Anderson

Rev. Jonas King & Rev. Elias Riggs } Mt Rosa, Boston Jany. 28 1834

Dear Brethren

Two letters are on file from Mr. King to be acknowledged, dated Aug. 29 & Sept. 18 1833, & one from Mr Riggs dated Aug. 3 together with a translation of laws by Mr Riggs. The last from Mr. King was written at Syra, after you had commenced the tour, which I rejoiced to hear you had determined to extend, if possible, into the Peloponnesus.

The new government of Greece having shown its colours, (so to speak) by the publication of these laws, I thought it time to do, what I had been long purposing to do, — procure a full meeting of the Prudential Committee, & lay the Greek mission in review, to see what should be done with it, — whether it should be relinquished, or be prosecuted with greater energy. One, or the other, I thought ought to be done. Such a meeting was accordingly held, & having carefully prepared myself for the occasion, I spread out the history and present state of the mission before them. Some of the facts which were stated it may not be amiss to mention.

The Comte were reminded that the Board commenced the Greek mission in compliance with the strongly manifested wish of the churches. There was perhaps never a more general and decided

public sentiment, among our churches, in favor of a mission to any foreign nation. At the same time, there was a stronger & more general inclination to regard our efforts with favor, among the Greek people, than perhaps there ever will be among any other oriental people, in the absence of gospel light. Such a conjunction of circumstances was an indication of Providence not to be entirely disregarded.

Hence the Greek mission. The kind of mission, however, which was proposed in Greece, did not correspond with the excited feelings & extravagant expectations of the public. The Board adopted the course, which had for its primary object the spiritual regeneration of the schools of Greece; chiefly through the medium of our press, & of missionaries enough on the ground to see that our books were judiciously prepared, & generally introduced & properly used in the schools. This was a very simple object, but a very noble one to a reflecting mind.

The anarchy consequent upon the death of Capodistrias, shut up our mission in Athens, with liberty of access to a few other places when there was little to do. From the Peloponnesus, which is by far our best field in liberated Greece, the mission was almost wholly excluded by the perils of travelling. And at Athens, there had been two independent missions, such as ought always, if possible, to be separated by seas, mountains, or rivers; — an American Episcopalian, & a Presbyterian or Congregational. Mr. King's journals fully proved that there had, from the first, been an unhappy rivalry between the two, though it was natural for us to throw the chief blame upon the Episcopal brethren, & the facts seemed to justify it, especially in reference to one of them. Either of these missions was enough for Athens & Attica. — What, then, ought to be done?

In favor of continuing the mission in liberated

Greece, the following, among others, were obvious reasons.

1. There is not yet any decisive evidence that the object, for which the mission was chiefly intended, may not be prosecuted successfully. Whatever may be the feelings of the leading ecclesiastics, or of the lawyers, it would seem that the people generally are very glad to obtain our school books for the use of their children. And it is contrary to the declared & real intentions of the Com^ee to be driven from any field by the mere apprehension of evil.

2. If we design to labor vigorously for the spiritual regeneration of the Greeks of Asia minor, it seems very unwise to abandon the Greeks of liberated Greece. Liberated Greece will exert an increasing influence on the Greek population of Turkey. No doubt the influence exerted already upon liberated Greece by Protestant missions, has been very salutary. The religious institutions, the manners, customs, & intellectual & moral state of Greece, will not be what they otherwise would have been. Her schools, school books, religious observances, national character, have received a modifying, salutary influence, which will be like leaven hid in meal. This influence we ought to continue, & if possible increase, — if we design to make a vigorous onset upon the oriental churches of Western Asia.

3. If we abandon the Greek mission, our printing establishment at Smyrna will not find sufficient occupation. — At the same time it is important to remark, that well-made school-books, if used in schools, will exert an enlightening, liberalizing, salutary influence, even without enlightened teachers. Lancasterian schools — which are to be the schools of Greece — develope the power of thought. In such schools our books will be at least the forerunners & harbingers of the truth,

& will prepare the way for the bolder & more successful missionaries of the next generation; — when men, informed & animated by the experience of half a century, will know how to turn aside the carnal weapons of the world; & impelled by the accumulated momentum of half a century, will no doubt rush forward with the gospel standard into the heart of every country, in spite of flames, & spiritual wickedness in high places, & the powers of darkness.

After discussing the subject very freely, the Board adopted the following resolutions:

1. "That it is expedient to prosecute the mission to liberated Greece with greater energy, having special influence in our system of operations to the spiritual improvement of the schools of that kingdom".

2. "That Mr. Riggs of that mission be authorized & instructed to remove to the Peloponnesus, & commence a station at Argos, Tripolitza, or some other convenient place for exerting a salutary influence upon the people of the peninsula."

3. "That in case Mr. King shall think it expedient for him to remain at Athens, an associate be provided for Mr. Riggs, as soon as a suitable man for that mission can be obtained."

These resolutions were adopted December 31st. They were designed to secure a footing in the Morea as soon as possible. They were of course adopted on the presumption that a residence in the peninsula would be comparatively safe; & it being presumed that Mr. King would desire to continue at Athens, a notice was inserted in the February Herald that another missionary was needed for liberated Greece, to be associated with Mr. Riggs in the Peloponnesus. It was not thought best, considering all the circumstances, to lose a year by waiting to hear from you before taking decisive measures for the enlargement

of the mission. I would add that the Comm. most decidedly prefer operating upon the peninsula, as their chief field, to operating upon the islands; though we are by no means to neglect the islands. And I frankly confess that, to my own mind, there are, & have ever been since my visit to Greece, more attractions in the heart of the Morea, than in Athens, or anywhere in Attica. Yet, for such an institution of learning as Mr. King has had in view, Athens is doubtless to be preferred very much to Tripolitza. But Athens can never be what it once was, & the Peninsula will always exert a great influence on the character & institutions of Greece. There is also more simplicity of character in the Morea, & a more extended field, & all of it easy of access from a central point; & I am persuaded that nothing but the occupation of the Peloponnesus, & frequent excursions into different parts of it, & judicious, well written accounts of such excursions, will ever give the Greek mission the hold it ought to have upon the attention & feelings & prayers of our churches.

The first proposal of Mr. Rigg's removal will no doubt be painful to Mr. King, but I believe he will notwithstanding approve of it cordially, as the most judicious, & indeed almost the only method at present, of extending and strengthening the mission. The resolutions of the Comm. now adopted in reference to the Morea, do not affect those which have been adopted heretofore respecting Athens; — at least, so far as I now recollect. Mr. King will go on with his plans, as fast as may seem to him judicious; & will vary them of course to suit the changing state of the times. Our object,

however, is unchangeably the same; — to make known the glorious gospel of the blessed God.

In a letter to Mr. Perkins, written some time before the meeting of the Comee which has given occasion to this letter, I suggested the possibility that it might be well for Mr. Riggs to accompany him to the Nestorians, in case we should not be able to procure a medical companion seasonably. I mention this, as Mr. Perkins may possibly mention the fact. The course of study into which Mr. Riggs was providentially led before leaving this country, had often associated him in my thoughts with a mission farther east; hence the suggestion to Mr. Perkins. The prospective views now taken of your mission, lead me to hope that he may remain in Greece, at least for a number of years.

I am sorry to be obliged to think as unfavorably of Nikitopolos as you do, but his conduct appears badly.

We have given up the thoughts of a mission to Candia. I think the reasons for so doing are stated in the Instructions to Mess.rs Johnson & Schneider, published in the January Herald. The books requested by Mr. King are in readiness to send him.

Desiring to be affectionately remembered to your wives, I am very truly Your friend & brother

R Anderson

Rev. Daniel Temple
Smyrna

Missionary Room, Boston Feb. 13 1834

My Dear Brother

I wrote you on the 18th. of December, by the Gov. Brooks, conveying authority from the Comee to purchase an additional fount of Arabic type sufficient to print the elementary

works needed by the mission in the Turkish language & also whatever additional type is necessary for printing school cards in Armenian. I also stated the reasons for proposing that you order them, instead of ordering them ourselves.

In the same letter I stated, that we were taking measures for obtaining diagrams in Geometry, Trigonometry, &c. to send you. After corresponding with Prof. Farrar on the subject, I have been discouraged from attempting to procure them engraved; as, with our present knowledge, so many appear to be needed. Had we the diagrams, as you will need them, with the proper characters attached to them, we would have them engraved immediately, however numerous. As it is, we propose that the diagrams, as you wish them to be engraved, be sent to us from Smyrna, with the characters attached which shall take the place of the letters of our alphabet, &c. The characters should of course be drawn with great care, that there may be no mistake. Meanwhile it may be well for you, perhaps, to obtain some lithographic impressions from the press at Beyroot, to meet the present exigency.

I will send you a copy of Prof. Farrar's letter; also a copy of the Cambridge Mathematics, & some other works on the subject — if we can get a conveyance for them in the

We put up bundles for you in December to go by the Gov. Brooks, but the captain and others refused utterly to take them; & this vessel when we heard of her going was so full that they pleaded an absolute inability to take any thing more than letters, & a few small bundles.

Not a sixth part of what we wish to send, can go, which I exceedingly regret. The vessel appears to have been loaded by her owners

without the agency, & perhaps without the knowledge, of any of those men on whom we depend for information in such cases.

We have not yet heard of your arrival at Smyrna, but pray that you may find an open door, which no man can shut. Desiring the usual affectionate remembrances to all who are with you, I am very truly

Your friend & Brother
R Anderson

Rev. Isaac Bird } M. Rooms, Boston Feby. 13 1834
Beyrout, Syria }

My Dear Brother

I have received your letters dated June 14th, July 9th & 31st, and Aug. 6. 1833. We have not yet received the pictures of the city & bay of Beyrout, & Mount Lebanon, & hope they are not lost. Both, I think, would soon be engraved, if we had them, & would be of much use in giving precision to people's views, & a "local habitation" for the mission in their minds. We must have them, if possible. Nor have we received a catalogue of the mission library. Mr. Hill will write you about Mr. Parson's donation to the funds of the Board, & als. your own through Dr. Wisner: the latter was 50 dollars & was paid into the fund pr Cen. Secy. Dr. W. had my receipt for the 50 dollars, & Mr. Hill finds that sum credited as your donation, through my hands, to the Board. I recollect nothing about the business, except your supplying the Old South pulpit.

We have been concerned to hear of the outrage committed upon your person by the Egyptian soldiery, & also of the unexpected disorders consequent upon the Egyptian conquests in Syria.

I would fondly hope that the chief design of them is to remind us of our dependance on God, & make us cleave, more strenuously to his promises & peace. Indeed I have sometimes, thought, that the King of Zion may yet see fit to give more ample scope to the wrath of man against his church, as in ancient times, as the means of purifying & elevating the spirit of missions; nor can we tell ~~more~~ where the first fire will burn, not improbably where the Beast & the False Prophet both claim dominion. May the gracious Lord give you all the spirit of Martyrdom, whether, you, are to have the trial of it or not; & may, you, & we & all, engaged in this blessed, work, have grace to adorn our high profession by an humble, inflexible, triumphing resolution.

With the intelligence of Mr. Thompsons sickness, we rejoiced to receive that of his probable convalescence. We had received his letters of May. 11th. 17th. & 18th. & wondered that we received no more of the promised series. This sickness is the probable cause. I seldom open letters from distant missions without some feelings of solicitude, & shall naturally feel more than usual, when other letters arrive from your quarter. Our judgements of what is best, in respect to the lives of missionaries of the Cross, are so different, from those of the most High, that it is most obvious that our views are very partial & limited. As I am now suffering somewhat from influenced eyes, (tho; recovering) I can write no more by this opportunity. Commend me to your family, & to all the brethren & sisters. I beg also to be respectfully remembered to Mrs & Mrs. Abbot. My res. regard to Susan Wortatt. I most heartily rejoiced in Mr. Parnells liberal donation to her. To Mr. Nicolayson affectionate remembrance. The Gov. Brooks sailed for Smyrna in December; & the Capt. & owners utterly refused to take our bundles; & now the Mermaid will take only three or four small bundles, she is so full. This latter ~~will~~ vessel was laden privately, & it was only by accident we heard of her. In justice to the mercantile community I ought to say, that we seldom see the spirit displayed by the Capt. & owners of the Gov. Brooks. The Lord lay not their sin to their charge. We have large bundles, in readiness for the first opportunity. &c.

R. Anderson

Dr. Dodge's letter of July 5th. has been received. It reminds me of the afflictive bereavement to which you & Mrs. Bird were suggested on the 3d. of that month. —

Rev. Wm Goodell, Constantinople — } Wrote him briefly in reply to his letters received previously to this date. Sent by the Mermaid, Capt. Walch. Feb. 14, 1834. R. A.

Mr. Timothy Dwight } N York Cities } Mr Rufus Anderson Feb 18 1834

My Dear Brother

Since receiving yours of the 14th Ulto. I have had an acute inflammation of the eyes.

Mr. Greene says he saw you a moment at N York, but as you were introduced to him simply as Mr. Dwight, & he was not aware of your being in N York city (owing partly to his absence at Washington) he did not know you were our Mr. D. until you had gone out; & he was not able to call upon you. I regret that you have not some free conversation together, as this intercourse by letter is so doing things at arm's length, that it takes a good while, often times to accomplish but little.

It is contrary to our principles & usages to pay the debts of missionaries. They are entitled, however, to an outfit of clothing, books, and furniture (if married, & when so much is needed) to an amount (if they go eastward) not exceeding 666 dollars, or 150 £ Sterling. If you have not procured your a select private library, we should procure you one, paying for the books the wholesale or booksellers price; & if you have such a library already we could allow you a reasonable sum for it, to be charged to you as an outfit, & that sum you could appropriate to paying your debts. So, if your friends, or those of your wife preferred furnishing you with clothing or bedding, to paying you money, the fair

valuation of those articles, if such as you need, could properly be charged to you as outfits & the amount be paid to you, & go towards liquidating your debts. This mode of providing for the debts of missionaries is not liable to objection in respect to principle, but we are not entirely satisfied with it in practice, & have allowed it only from necessity. In these ways you may perhaps obtain 150 dollars: the other hundred I hope you will be able to secure in some way so as to be ready for embarkation next summer.

We do not yet know enough to say precisely where you will probably be stationed in Asia Minor, but perhaps we may be much better informed in the course of three months to come.

I hope you will write me with the greatest freedom in respect to any obstacles which may lie in the way of your departure so soon as next summer, & your wishes in respect to your future labors. Will the value of your books & of the part of your outfit received from friends amount probably, to 150 dollars? Can you procure the other 100 in any manner?

Praying the gracious Lord to guide & bless you, I am, Dear Brother

Very truly Yours

R Anderson

Mr. Timothy Dwight
N York City

McLean, Boston Feby. 24 1834

My Dear Brother

I wrote you on the 18th a letter which you probably received this morning. This morning I also received your favor of 17th.

I have conferred again with Dr. Wisner, & the only additional means in our power to propose

to you for liquidating your debts, is an agency. Dr. Wisner thinks you might labor very usefully in N. England in connection with Mr. Bardwell, the General Agent for N. England. The stated compensation for temporary agencies has always been eight dollars a week, & travelling expenses. Should you think favorably of laboring in this manner for a number of months, I advise you to write to the Rev. Horatio Bardwell, Andover, Mass. informing of this suggestion, & telling him how soon you can enter on this service.

As the agencies for N. E. are committed to him, you will of course receive instructions on the subject from him.

I shall be glad to know how this suggestion strikes you, and also to receive a reply to my letter of the 18th inst. as soon as shall be convenient.

In haste, but very truly yours
R. Anderson

Doct. Dan. B. Bradley
New York City

Rooms Boston Feb. 26 1834

My Dear Sir

Yours of the 14th inst. was duly received, & I was much pleased with the spirit in which it was written, as I was also with the commendable diligence & self denial with which you have sought to qualify yourself for usefulness since you came to New York.

As your debt amounts already to $84, & you are not in the way to pay all your current expenses, the Comm. have voted you the sum of one hundred dollars, which Mr. Tracy, an agent in New York will pay you on a/c of the Board, on seeing this letter. We have full confidence that the balance of sixteen dollars will be properly applied.

The course you have marked out in your letter with a view to your improvement

for a few months to come, appears to be judicious. You need feel no reluctance in making me acquainted with your pecuniary necessities. We expect to defray such of your necessary expenses in your present professional studies, as you have not the means of defraying; but shall need an account of them.

It is decided that, with the leave of Providence, you embark for Siam in the early part of the next summer, should there be a suitable conveyance. We will give you reasonable notice. Your embarkation will probably be at Boston.

May the Lord Jesus give you much of his Spirit, & bless you & yours.

Very Affy. Your friend & brother,
R Anderson

Wm Samuel R Houston
Union Semy. Va.

Mr Rooms Boston Feb 26 1834
My dear Brother

Your favor of the 31st Ult. was received a little more than a week since and would have been answered sooner, but for a variety of uncontrollable circumstances, which it is not worth while to mention.

As your Instructors do, on the whole, think favorably of your going with Mr Adger next summer, the Com^ee authorize you to make your arrangements to embark in the same vessel with him. But whether you will be able to occupy the same post in the Mediterranean, it is now wholly impossible to say. Nor can we say precisely at what time a suitable vessel will be found sailing for Smyrna. At present, you had better make your calculations to sail in July or August, & from this port. I do not think you will go before the middle of July, nor delay your embarkation beyond the middle of August. In May I can probably give you more definite

information. Should you find it expedient to send any of your baggage before the first of June, it had better be sent to Boston, to the care of Henry Hill Esq. Missionary Rooms, Cornhill.

Dr. Wisner expects to be at Petersburg, at the meeting of the Central Ass'n. Board on the last Thursday in March. If it is convenient for you to see him at that time, you can talk with him about your outfit, &c. &c. If it is not, I will write you on the subject. I would say now, that you must obtain a Passport from the Secy. of State at Washington. Please write me early in the month of April, saying whatever you may think I should like to know about your feelings & arrangements, before writing you finally on the subject of your embarkation, & believe me very Affy. &

Truly Yours

R Anderson

Rev. John B Adger
Charleston, S.C.

Mission Rooms, Boston Feby. 26 1834

My Dear Brother

I have today written to Mr. Houston, of Union Seminary, giving the consent of the Board to his embarking in the same vessel with yourself, next Summer, and stating my belief that you would probably embark from Boston, in July or August — most probably not sooner than the middle of July, nor later than the middle of August. Whether you will labor at the same station, it is impossible to say now, but he was very anxious to accompany you on the voyage.

I think your extra baggage had better be shipped to this port, to the care of Mr. Hill our Treasurer. Do not fail to take the necessary steps, before leaving Charleston, to procure

a Passport from the Secy. of State at Washington. It could be sent to you, if there is time, or to me.

Beseeching our Lord Jesus Christ to furnish you richly with the graces of the Spirit, I am, dear Brother, Very Affy. Yours

R Anderson

Missionary Rooms
Boston March 12 1834

My Dear Brother Brigham

I have today received the enclosed letter from Bombay, which I am happy to foward. Our mission among the Mahrattas is much afflicted with ill health but manifests an increasing spirit of enterprise, and I trust will never again find difficulty in "occupying" as many talents as your Society may see fit to commit to our brethren there.

Allow me to ask that your monthly publication may be addressed to me for the Library of the Board, send it by Mail. I do not now see it regularly and as a thing of course

Affect Yours
R. Anderson Sec. For. Mis

P.S. I regretted not seeing you when you were here last summer.

Lahaina Maui June 15. 1833

Rev Wm. Ellis
For. Sec. L.M.S.
London

Dear Brother

Your interesting letter of Sept. 15. 1832 was duly rec by the hand of Dr. Gaussdum together with three sets of three vols. of your Polynesia Records and several other valuable ~~records~~ books for all of which you have our very sincere thanks. Your "Sermon" "Vindication" &c which you had the kindness to send were received earlier

and gave us much pleasure. We desire moreover to acknowledge with gratitude the reception of the protestant, which your Hon. Directors had the goodness to furnish us in aid of the common cause, a work which appears well calculated to expose one of the most mischievous and numerous errors that have scourged that portion of our world on which the light of revelation has fallen with so much clearness as to be acknowledged as a light from heaven.

We are not without our fears that this error will yet gain a disastrous footing on these islands, but we hope still that the Lord in mercy to the poor people will avert it. We rejoice in the increasing facilities which a kind Providence is affording to the propagators of the Gospel in Asia, Africa, and other parts of the world. And shall we sympathize with our brethren in the West Indies, and and among the American tribes of the West for what they suffer from the unreasonable embarrassments thrown upon their operations, by those from whom better things ought to be expected, we indulge the hope that He who does all things well, will bring good out of these evils, and by removing in some signal manner the obstacles which have impeded the progress of Missions give a new impulse to the cause which they were intended to defeat.

How easily can we, Dear Brother, make your domestic affections in which we sympathize, a rich blessing to the heathen, whenever your Society or ours, or other associations, shall find access to our fellow men who are now perishing in darkness and sin.

We shall be happy to receive copies of any of your publications and possibly some of us may be able to comply with your request and occasionally contribute a few pages to the Annual.

You will be desirous of hearing from us, and it is proper to hasten to make known to some our recent movements.

Two years ago, our Mission was called on by a letter from the Sec. A. B. C. F. M. to take measures for the establishment of a Mission at the Washington Islands or the Northern Marquesas, permission being granted us if we deemed it best first to make a survey of the field.

A correspondence was at once opened by us with the Missionaries at the Georgian and Society Islands, asking for information to the

as to the practicability of establishing a mission there, and also the intention of their Directors, and their own wishes on the subject. We stated at the same time to our prud. Committee some objections to our undertaking a mission there from this quarter. These objections, they did not consider insuperable, but repeated the injunction to attempt the establishment of a mission at the Washington Islands.

As the American Board were acquainted with the efforts which the London Mis. Soc. had made to plant the Gospel on some of the Marquesas, and as they had published in the Missionary Herald, their views and wishes respecting the Washington Islands, we could not much doubt that the two Sister Societies, had a mutual understanding on the subject, but when our brethren and fathers at the Georgian Islands proposed in their letters to direct our attention to groups further to the leward, inviting us at the same time to a conference on the subject, we accepted the invitation, and in June 1832, when new laborers arrived here, some of whom were designated for the Washington Islands and introduced to the government here as such, appointed a deputation of three of our number, Messrs Tinker, Whiting & Alexander, to visit our brethren at the South, confer with them freely on the subject of extending the Gospel in the Pacific and especially to the Washington Islands. We fitted out the Missionary Packet for the purpose, which performed the voyage at the expense of some 2000 Dollars, touching the Society and Georgian Islands, Rurutu and both groups of the Marquesas.

The result of this embassy was a pretty full concert on the part of the Missionaries at the Georgian Islands, who felt authorized to act in the cause, that we should occupy the Washington Islands, and conditionally the whole, unless it should be early ascertained that the London Missionary Society were about to send men to occupy the field and a request on the part of the chiefs, that we should furnish them with foreign teachers, and a sort of pledge on the part of the deputation, that some of us would come among them to teach them the great Salvation. The views of the brethren at the Georgian Islands with which those at the Society Islands were unpleased & concided were expressed briefly in the following resolutions.

"Resolved That our American Brethren be recommended to wait till we hear from England on the subject of the Marquesian Mission but if this be impracticable that they occupy one group of the Islands leaving the other for our missionaries, should any be sent for that field of labour, and further in case none be sent, that they should occupy the whole"

[signed] G. Pritchard in behalf of the Brethren"

Tahiti Sept. 4. 1832

The deputation returned and made their report which we considered on the whole favourable to our plan of attempting a Mission there, but we delayed till another annual Meeting should occur or till we could obtain still further light on the subject. In March 1833 the Rev Mr Pritchard wrote that no information had been received from the London Mission in reference to the 6 Missionaries for whom they had applied for that field, and signified that it was not likely that none would be sent inasmuch as the London Society must have heard what the American Board was doing.

Here then while the chiefs and people at the Marquesas and the Washington Islands in all their ferocity, darkness and barbarism, appeared in some measure, to be willing that Christian teachers should come among them, they were in danger of being still longer destitute through the want of a full understanding between the two great Societies who had begun with kindest intentions to espouse their cause.

While we still languished intelligence was received from Nuuhiva that Hape the old Chief who had welcomed our deputation, had built a house for some of our number and appeared to be wanting to receive them but had some apprehension that the promises of missionaries were not to be fully relied on.

In these circumstances another reinforcement to our Mission arrived from America and the Brigantine Thaulia put in at Honolulu Bound to the Georgian Islands and offered terms for a passage Nuuhiva which we regarded as on the whole favourable. Two of the former reinforcement had been introduced to the Government here as destined to the Washington Islands and had been held up during the year as candidates for that Mission, and of course had not been located at any Station in the Sandwich Islands, and still held themselves in cheerful

readiness to go as soon as the voice of the brethren should be expressed to take that new field.

Having therefore advanced too far to retreat without counter instructions from the Board or without further opposition from any quarter or further evidence that the field would shortly be supplied by the labourers, we resumed the subject at the opening of the general meeting the present month, and though the Prudential Committee of our Board are somewhat perplexed with some circumstances connected with the question whether we should press forward immediately or not, not knowing that we have the consent of the European Missionaries we could not feel fully justified in abandoning the object, as the indications of Providence seemed to point us onward. God has dealt in great mercy with our mission. During almost fourteen years but one of our number has fallen in the field and exchanged a scene of toil, care, and trial for the everlasting rest. Some have indeed been called by affliction to retire but their places have quickly been supplied, and our number it is believed might be greatly increased for numbers stand ready to come. We have now 62 persons in this mission of men and women an equal number. And though there is room for all at the Sandwich Islands which from recent circumstances appear to need an increase of missionary effort to carry forward the cause of improvement, yet we have thought we ought to be willing to part with a few of our number to carry the gospel to those benighted and barbarous shores; now to set up a standard there and arrest if possible the work of death.

After very attentively looking at the field for two years and perhaps with too much reluctance to go deliberately considered the claims of that field to our attention and the obstacles in our path, we have resolved, in reliance on Divine Providence to attempt a mission to the Washington Islands, and have appointed the Rev William P. Alexander, the Rev Richard Armstrong and the Rev Benjamin Parker with their wives to undertake the laborious and self denying enterprize as a detachment of the Sandwich Island Mission.

They have therefore left the general Meeting of the mission now in session at this place and have gone to Oahu that

they may complete their necessary preparations as speedily as possible in order to be ready to embark about the 1st of July next on board the Rhaulle. The agent of the mission is authorized to fit them out and secure for them a passage without delay. They will be expected to proceed as directly as possible, and Providence permitting to establish themselves at Taiohae or Massachusetts Bay on Nukahiva, where Hape, or the youthful Kemoana will it is hoped receive them.

It is a matter of regret to us that we have not been more fully possessed of the views of your Directors on the subject of occupying the Marquesas as a field of Mission. It certainly would be to us a matter of rejoicing to have known that your Society were ready to send forth 6 or 10 missionaries to that field or any number sufficient to commence the work. And even now if you should be able to find laborers for that service and should you prefer to occupy the whole Group we should readily relinquish the whole, believing that the sacrifices made in the cause of the poor Marquesas are not a needless waste.

Our deputation which performed their voyage at some 2000 Dollars expence, and our missionaries who have accomplished something towards preparing the way for the establishment of the Gospel there and the permanent and fearful settlement of foreign Missionaries and without any serious loss, could they be suspended, they could probably find a ready conveyance back from Nukahiva to the Sandwich Islands or aboard some of the Whale Ships which in the Spring seasons pass from the former to the latter on their way to Coast of Japan.

We have therefore to suggest the expediency of having both groups amply supplied by the labourers of our society either the London Mission Society or the A. B. C. F. M. and for the following considerations, to which we respectfully invite your attention.

1. As the language throughout both parts the whole group, is the same with very slight variations, and the whole population small, say 15,000 to 20,000, they could all be supplied for years to come with such books and tracts as they may require as econom

ically and systematically perhaps from one printing establishment as from two or more. We have as yet but one for the Sandwich Islands, tho' in some respects we are more favorably circumstanced as to a general government and the means of circulating our books from a central station to all parts of the group

2. The translation of the Bible which is a great work could be effected by one Society so as to answer the purpose for both divisions of the whole group.

3. The organization and management of Churches, the administration of gospel ordinances, and the decipline of the Lords house, should, it appears to us, so far as practicable be uniform or nearly so among such a people, in case they embrace Christianity.

4. As to the Sabbath which at the Society and Sandwich Islands differs by one day, and other matters of importance in which the Marquesas are to have any connexion with the Society Islands, or the Sandwich Islands, the best rules adopted by one part of the group, should be adopted by the whole, in order to secure uniformity not only among themselves for mutual aid and encouragement, but uniformity with the larger groups with which their connexion is to be most intimate and important or from which they expect to derive the greatest moral influence in raising them to the standing of a Christian nation At any rate it appears to us desirable that instructions from home on every important point materially affecting the interest of the people should either proceed from one source, or be substantially in unison, in order to secure the most happy results.

5. As to convenience and economy in sending reinforcements and supplies, we suppose they might all be sent by one Society inasmuch as the field is small, and one Ship could take the annual supply. Mr. D. of the Georgian Mission supposes that your Society could maintain a mission at the Marquesas more economically than we, because the annual vessel that visit them, might with a trifling additional expence be employed to visit the Marquesas

in making the circuit of their out stations.

Whoever shall make the sacrifices and perform the labors necessary to enlighten such a benighted and barbarous nation and put in operation a system of means at all adapted to the purpose of converting such a people, from their idols and pollutions to our redeeming God and Saviour, so that they shall form in fact a portion of that inheritance which was long since promised to the Son of God; it will be your earnest desire and ours that the prayers of British and American Churches may ascend without ceasing for them until the native and their Christian teachers shall unite in Christian fellowship in celebrating the praises of that amazing and eternal love which through the cross of Calvary offers hope to the despairing pardon to the guilty, and life to the dying sons of Adam who have been led captive by Satan at his will.

O that Christian Europe and Christian America would awake from their long slumbers to the mighty work of enlightening and converting even the present generation of our dying world, lest in a few short years this generation pass chiefly unprepared to the judgement and their blood be required at their hands of those whom God has called and sanctified by his grace, and who are pledged to obey the command of the ascending Saviour who freely gave his life for us and became a propitiation for the sins of the whole world, and who in the due administration of "all power in heaven and on Earth" requires his Church to make known his gospel to every creature in all lands.

Alas, shall another and another generation 600,000,000 of souls pass on to the final retribution through the almost unbroken darkness of Paganism, while the protestant Churches of Christendom to whom God has committed the oracles of truth, and on whom he is richly shedding the light and hope of his Salvation, remain at ease, quietly and serenely enjoying around their own firesides the comforts and luxuries for which they are chiefly indebted to the gospel!

Will the living sons of Zion who are expecting to be

invested with the Sacred office, carefully compare the present state of the world with the provisions, predictions, commands and promises of the Gospel, and still cling to their birthplace and prefer to be gathered to their fathers rather than forsake all to follow Christ, and accomplish his gracious pleasure in teaching the nations to observe what he has commanded and in leading them to the possession of the promised land of everlasting rest

Where are the hundreds and thousands of Martyrs and Brainards of the present generation of young preachers who are required for the foreign Service and who are ready to take their lives in their hands and dwell among the heathen that they may win them to Christ. Where are the tens of thousands of recent converts and the hundreds of thousands of experienced Christians who pray with suitable fervency and faith as their great Master has bid them pray Lord send forth labourers into thine harvest? May you dear brother have the happiness to see in your day the adequate number furnished, and and the requisite means supplied for bringing, with the divine blessing the precious gospel to the door of every family on earth and to the heart of every sinner in our fallen world. The Lord hasten it in his own time.

With kindest salutations to your Honble Directors, your Coajutors at the Rooms, and to yourself personally we are dear sir on behalf of the Mission

Very affectionally Your brethren
H. Bingham
Wm. Richards
Saml Whitney

P. S. Oahu July 2. 1833. 4 o'clk. P. M. The Rev Messrs Alexander Armstrong & Parker and their wives and their two infant children of the two former embarked this morning on board the Brigantine Thaulle, Capt. Davis for, bound to Sandwich Islands. They were commended to God on the wharf several of the Missionaries and residents accompanied them to the ship. With a becoming

buoyancy of spirits the brethren and sisters gave us their affectionate farewell and set sail at noon. The Rev Mr. Dill Seamans Chaplain at this port, kindly accompanied them out of the harbour. With best N. E. Traders they were quickly out of sight, laying their course directly towards the Washington Islands, whither they have gone to set up a banner for Christ in the name of our God. Last evening at our monthly Concert meeting the Rev Mr. Armstrong preached with reference to this enterprise, from their appropriate motto "The God of heaven he will prosper us, therefore we his servants will arise and build."

Honolulu Oahu Oct. 8. 1833

Rev William Ellis
For. Sec. Lond. Mis. Soc

Dear Brother

On the 15th of June last we prepared a letter for you, chiefly on the subject of the Mission to the Marquesas, and which I shall attempt now to foward to you in connexion with this via Mexico and Boston. I write this to give further information respecting that and other missions in the south. In a letter from Dr. R. Morison to me dated Macao China Nov. 19 1831. he says "Attempt the Marquesas — Spare two for the occasion, a Barnabas and a Paul, if you have sons of consolation and zeal." The Mission sailed July 2d. A letter from the Rev. M. Parker one of the number dated Tahiti July 25. 1833 says, "We arrived at Tahiti yesterday at 12 O'clock having been 22 days from the Sandwich Islands. Our passage has been pleasant in most respects, our Captain attentive and kind to us. Some of us have suffered much from seasickness. We are all kindly entertained at Mr. Pritchards, during our stay here. We have met with M. Wilson and M. Barff. We learn that no Missionaries are expected for the Marquesas. They are looking for four, but they will go the Navigators, Things are quiet at the Islands at present, though in an unsettled state".

A letter from Mr Barff dated 6. Aug. 1833. Huahine, says "I had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Alexander and his companions in labour with their wives about a week ago at Tahiti. I feel

a deep interest in the important mission, and shall not cease to pray that the Lord may make them the honored instruments in turning the Marquesas from the worship of idols to the worship of the living God. "We continue to receive small additions to the Church at Huahine and I think the religion which reaches the heart is progressive among our people. I make it a practice to visit the people from house to house and find much pleasure in conversing with them on Christian experiance. We have had peace among the Leward Islands more than 12 Months and I do not hear that we are likely to have war again. The Raiteans have many of them like the prodigal come to themselves again, and are building a large new Chapel. The Borabora have recently finished a large new house for M. Pea

"Mr. and Mrs Williams arrived a week ago from the westward and bring the heart rejoicing news that nearly all the inhabitants of the Navigators have cast away their idols, and we are anxiously waiting for Missionaries from England to occupy that extensive field. The Brethren Pitman and Durzacott have a great awakening among the people at Raratoa."

At our monthly prayer meeting last evening at my humble cottage when you and your family were for a season welcome inmates, (and which some Prussian seems to have dignified with the proud name "Salon" as gratuitously as another one did Mr Jamy, the writer of what Mr. Charlton call a "silly pamphlet" with the title of "Barmt.") the Rev Mr. Deill, seamans Chaplain at this port communicated part of a letter from a gentleman at Tahiti dated Sept. 4th. which says that the Danckle has just returned to that place from the Marquesas having landed the missionaries at Nukahiva under circumstances as favourable as could be expected considering the character of the people, and that a temperance or abstinence Society had been recently formed at the Georgian or Society Islands from which much good was to be expected, tho' the queen was not favourable to the measure. Let us bless God for his gracious aid thus far.

I have recently had a pleasant interview with Capt. Wendt of the Princess Louisa of Berlin and his excellent Lady a Lutheran from Amsterdam. Capt. W. Lipsfeed decided

disapprobation of the publication made by some person belonging to his ship in her former voyage and said he should see that some pers were contradicted. I was a matter of surprise to him as well as to me that the Kings letter to Frederic William was published in Canton soon after he left that place. - He had a duplicate copy in his desk when he left this place.

By the kindness of our Foreign Secretary I received three days ago a copy of your very kind letter to Mr. F. Kroker of Berlin which my associate Brother Clark pronounces a very candid faithful, and just, and able refutation of the charges and insinuations which it was intended to meet. It is true so far as we are acquainted that no missionary among us has even demanded or received payment for performing the ceremony of Marriage, or any other ministerial function. Much less have they imposed a tax on marriage. A half a dozen natives about the time of their marriage, have offered a trifling present in money, the whole put together not exceeding fifteen dollars. About the same amount has been received from foreigners under similar circumstances, making an amount of about 30 dollars for 12 years, or 2 1/2 dolls a year since the introduction of Christian Marriage in the Islands. This has been regarded in the light of a donation or present to the mission and has been accounted for as such, as so much towards our general support. Of the rest perhaps one in 6 of all the parties married at the Islands by the missionaries, may have unsolicited, presented, for family use, some trifling production of the country of the value from 10 to 25 cents, which is also regarded and accounted for as any donation, and applied to our general support.

I have not seen all the publications to which your letter alludes, but the insinuation referred to that Mr Stuart had concealed the real reason for his departure, and made the illness of his wife a mere pretext, induces me, tho' perhaps it is needless to add another incontrovertable proof that Mr. and Mrs Stuart both entertained the kindest feelings towards the brethren and sisters here and to me and my family among the rest and shall give you an extract of a letter which I have just received

from him while on his recent visit to your Country.

After speaking of Mrs Ellis as a meek and heavenly minded sufferer, while death seems even at her side, he says. "I needed no assurance to be persuaded that the death of my sainted wife would be received with tender sympathy and deep feeling by those who knew her, but among her former associates at the Islands she was ever truly a sister, and to the last breathed towards them the kindest affection of a Christian Spirit. That she had been honoured with a humble place in the Catalogue of the mission and had even borne the name of a teacher among the gentiles. She considered her highest dignity and one of the chief blessings of her life, and never was in heart separated from her brethren and sisters or from the privileged work in which they are engaged.

"I am more grateful to you my dear brother for a letter than I should be to a friend and correspondent under different circumstances. (You cannot give to one without doing an injustice to many I mean that your time is so important and so precious to the people among whom you labour, that an hour can scarce be offered to any other object without a sacrifice to them. I shall always be happy to hear from you, and shall continue to write to you, but if I do not receive letters for letter and line for line, I shall not attribute it to any want of ~~interest~~ or affection for me. ... Ah, how happy should I feel myself again to be a fable labourer with you, a sharer of your griefs and a helper of your joys. But such does not appear to be the will of Providence. Possibly I may yet see my way to a return Chas". Dated "The Palace Chester, Eng. Nov. 5. 1832"

He speaks in kind terms of Lord Byron and Lady Byron and the Mothers

Efforts doubtless are made to invalidate Mr. Stewart's testimony respecting the state of the Islands and perhaps those who have come upon the ground since, have found some things different from them. It must be allowed that he writes in glowing colors and the arrangement of his book gives it in many places a commanding ~~interest~~ which would not be sustained by a visit to the same place which he describes. For instance The "Palace of the King" which he described was dismantled previous to the visit

of the Potomac with a view to its being retatched - and some of the gentlemen who were in great haste to visit it on this landing suppose they found Mr. S. altogether wrong in the beauty and splendour he had ascribed to it.

The "Turnpike" to the Pali of Nuuanu too, which Boki said just commenced with vigor, was abandoned about the time the Vineyards left the Island, and is grown over with grass weeds and bushes. And the moral and ~~temporal~~ habits then so commendable in the appearance of the young King have experienced almost as great changes induced in part by evil and hurtful by the influence of pretended friends who lead him to the Billiard Room, the Card table, and midnight revel and flatter him in his sprightly and spirited course of self indulgence, and who have contributed no small influence to keep open the flood gates of vice, which the sober minded Chiefs have long been desiring to see closed. Intemperance has made a desperate effort to regain its ascendency at Oahu and its friends and its victims have not been few, but we still hope in God that the plague will yet be staged

I perceive by some of the papers that a gentleman who sustains an office here and who is allowed on all hands to be a bitter and declared enemy of the mission, and by whom many are deceived, is supposed to be the author of much of the extravagant trash which transient visitors are disposed to publish. Whatever influence he might have had on the journal and letters of Capt Beeching and Von Rotzebue and T. H. James &c I am willing to think that the Dr of the Princess Louisa had a different but equally credible informer; an American, who, when I came to the Island could neither read nor write the English language, but who acted as interpreter for the French through the medium of the Spanish language of which he pretends to have a smattering and who introduced him to me in my little house which he nicknames a palace.

As to the kings being compelled to live in a hut it may be said, that besides the neat structure which Mr Stuart describes he had three other houses with shingle roofs, one

of stone built by Kraimoku which he has sometimes occupied, one two story of wood by Kaahumanu, where he has sometimes lodged and one of Dolles now neatly finished. He but recently proposed but recently to buy a brig for 12,000 dolls. and might if he chose erect a dwelling house or palace for himself in a few months, worth half that money, as the other chiefs are doing, if he would cease to give his money to his tempters for rum and ruin.

You have very kindly noticed the error of the Journalist who insinuates that I had at great expence, sent my Daughter to New York for an education. Perhaps it is due to the generosity of Capt. Swain of the Ship Enterprize, that I should notice the fact that my first love, my beloved Sophia, whom with tears we sent away from us because we did not think it suitable to keep her longer on this field of battle; who hid himself behind the door when two American Gentlemen threatened me with violence, while I lived in your Stone Cottage, who wept and cried bitterly ~~by~~ when I was assailed by the riotous and outrageous seamen of the U. S. Schooner Delphi, whose little life I attempted to shield from violence, by carrying her into a cellar, when the Ship John Palmer fired Cannon balls over our heads, this dear child, the only one we have sent was carried to America gratuitously by Capt. C. Swain, who said "I will freely take her on my own responsibility — If the owners require any thing for her passage I will settle it, and if any thing happens that she cannot go to her relations, when you wish to send her I will take care of her in my own family." This little wanderer assisted in her outfit by Mr. Humwell and a few others, has found a home in the hospitable dwelling of Mr. & Mrs. Whiting of Hartford Conn. and receives a very different species of kindness from the friends of Christian Missions in America from that which insinuated that I had robbed the public to enrich and aggrandize her. I have three children with me, for whom charity or my private relations must provide if I send them from me. I have no salary, no pecuniary compensation for my services, nor means of acquiring by my own efforts, personal property, and this is the case with all the Missionaries in this field. We have a bare support, and live very economically. What property I had I expended in getting my education

in the course of 9 years together with what I earned during that period — The residue of Mrs. Brigham's patrimony, after completing her outfit for this mission was given to the Board for the support of the Corresponding Secretary. The Prudential Committee have recently authorized me to draw 40 doll a year for Sophia's support if I shall consider it necessary and shall apply for it before hand.

I consider myself as having given myself and family to the Missionary cause which is entitled to all my labors and all my influence if that prospers, I hope to rejoice with it. if that fails, then indeed is my labour in vain. You have here the length and breadth of my prospects, of family and personal aggrandisements, while I remain faithful to the cause of missions. Instead of the palace of a nabob or king I am content to live in one end of a small house, which was brought out in frame from Boston. Dr. Judd's family is accommodated in the other end, once occupied by Dr. Blakely: But not even the one half of this house is mine not so much as a nail, a shingle, but it is the property of the Am. Board and is only for my accommodation while in their service at this place.

How utterly puerile to attempt to impose on the public the belief, that I am living in the style of an "Eastern Nabob", nay of a "King". Capt. Finch who saw my style of living — seriously recommends that we should be better supported, that we may appear to better advantage. — And when I recently visited a Ship of war with a coat that was given me by your society several years ago, it was made the subject of remark, because it was so much defaced.

Perhaps I write foolishly, but it may not be altogether unwise to descend to trifles when such foolish trifles are urged offensively against one who has never been forward to appear in self defence.

Should you look in upon us now you would see Mrs. B. and myself the same plain people as when you was with us, a few gray hairs on our heads, a few more wrinkles in our faces, a little better finish and accommodations about our humble habitation, the same alertness and attention to business, the same degree of exhaustion and fatigue at the close of each days labor through

the week, and a little more in my care at the close of the Sabbath. I recently made a little tour on horseback to Waiolua where you and I with our friends Mssrs Tyerman & Bennet lodged the second night in our ramble 11 Years ago. I was absent about eight days, preached eight times, distributed 1000 tracts, assisted in the dedication of a decent house of worship at Waialua erected by Laamii who has married a daughter of John Rives and lives there; aided in the formation of a church which consists of five members from the church at Honolulu and 11 new members gathered in at that place. Kuokoa who was brought up from infancy with Laamii was constituted deacon. Mr. Emerson this pastor has been there a little more than a year and has made a good beginning.

The whole number of members admitted to all our churches from the beginning is about six hundred and Eighty.

We are now printing a revised edition of the New Testament, 10,000 copies. The number of pages printed last year at our press exceeds 9,000,000. Our High School at Lahaina, though in its infancy is getting under way. About one hundred and thirty pupils. Our Board have authorized us to appropriate One thousand dollars year to their education. Mr. Andrews is devoted to it. The manual labor system will be connected with it. The foreigners at this place have by subscription erected a Stone School House here for the children of foreigners at our expence of about 2,000 dollars. Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone of our mission are at present the teachers. The A. Seamans Friend Society are erecting a chapel with reading rooms which is neatly finished. Expense 3000 dollars. The Merchants have erected a sort of Pagoda — Expence 5000 dolls — which will contain a reading room and room for the American Consul, accommodations for a physician &c, so that we have three steeples in Honolulu. Our mission are about erecting reading Rooms for Seamen at Lahaina. — I wrote you a very long letter last fall which I hope you have received. Shall try to write you again by the homeward bound Whale Ships. With Cordial Salutations to Mrs E. and your associates, I remain as ever your obliged and Affectionate Brother

H. Bingham

Missionary Rooms Boston March 19. 1834

Dear Brother

Last evening the Committee voted that it is expedient to procure two laymen if possible, who shall become connected with the Mahratta Mission as teachers and catechists and accompany Mr. Graves on his return to India. He is expected to embark at the close of May or first of June.

Be so good as to do what you can to procure us the right kind of men as soon as may be. The Committee came into the measure cordially and at once.

Truly Yours

R. Anderson

Revd H. Bardwell. Andover.

Missionary Rooms Boston U. S. A.
February 28. 1834.

Mr. Peter Jackson,
London.

My Dear Sir

Please forward the following books to me for the "Third Social Library of Boston. We suppose that the enclosed bill will cover the cost of them: if not you may either send fewer books or charge us with the balance, and you shall be paid either by a direct remittance or through Mr. Arundell of the London Missionary Society

Grove's Journey from London through Russia to Bagdad. 12. mo.
Harkness's Description of the Neilgherry Hills. Roy. 8. vo.
Heeren's Historical Researches of the Carthaginians &c Eng. Translation. 2. vols. 8 vo.
From the publications of the Oriental Translation Fund Society. – viz. –
Algebra of Mohammed Ben Musa. By Dr. Rosen. 8. vo.
Aperçu des Trois Royaumes / Soochoo Lepo and Corea / by M. Klaproth. 8. vo.
Geographical Works of Sadek Isphahani, &c 8. vo.
The Mulfuzat Timoury. By Major Charles Stuart. 4. to.
History of the Afghans. By Dr. Dorn. Pt. 1. 4. to.
History of the Mahomedan power in India. By Col. J. Briggs. 8 vo
Life of Hafiz Rehmet Khan. By Sir H. Elliott 8. vo.

Memoirs of a Malayan Family. By W. Marsden. 8. vo.
Miscellaneous Translations from Oriental Langages. 8. vo.
Translations from Chinese and Armenian. By C. F. Newman [8 vo
Rennel's Currents of the Atlantic Ocean. 8. vo.
Rowe's Dissertation on the Ruins of Empires. 8. vo.
Whately's introductory Lectures on Political Economy. 8. vo.
Reports of the British Society for the advancement of Knowledge (vol
East India Register and Directory for 1834.
Observations on the Colonies of New South Wales, and Van-Diemans Land. By John Henderson. 8. vo.
Characteristics of Goeth. From the German of Falk, Van Müller & with notes, by Sarah Austin. 3 vols. London. 1833.
Heeren's Historical Researches into the Politics, Intercourse and Trade of the Ancient Nations of Asia. Translation. 3 vols. 8. vo.
Taxation of the British Empire. By R. Montgomery Martin London [1833
Journal of a Residence at Bagdad, during 1830-31. By A. A. Rooms 12. mo.
Millman's History of the Jews examined and refuted on the Evidence of Scriptures. 8. vo.
Manners and Customs of the Modern Egyptians, illustrated from their proverbial sayings. By John Lewis Burchardt. 4. to.
Narrative of Travels in Abyssinia. By Nathaniel Pearce, with a life written by himself. 8. mo. 8. vo. With plates.
Travels in the Holy Land and various other Countries, including the Track of the Apostle Paul. By Wm. Rae Wilson Esq. 2 vols. 8. vo.
Rennel's Memoir of a Map of Hindoostan. 8. vo.
Grant Duff's History of the Mahrattas, 3. vols. with a map.
Digest of the proceedings of the House of Commons. 3. vols.
Granville Sharpe's Memoirs. By Hoare.
W. Strakers Theological Catalogue. 1833.
W. Strakers Miscellaneous Catalogue 1834
Review of Roman Slavery. [in 1832. by R. Montgomery Martin Esq. 8vo
Political, Financial, and Commercial Condition of the Anglo-Gaulish Empire

We should be glad to have these books, if convenient to you and should they come into your hands unbound, all bound really in Sheep. You will of course send us the most recent Editions

Have you not a printed list of your own publications?

To the above please to add for the Third Social Library of Boston:-

Excursions in the North of Europe in 1831-1833. by John Barrow Jun.

Essay on some of the Difficulties in the writings of St. Paul. By Archbishop Whately

Life of Schwartz in 2. vol. By Hugh Pearson, with a history of the introduction of Christianity into India previously to the time of Schwartz. (just published)

Colonies of the British Empire. By R. Montgomery Martin.

Elphinstone's account of Caubul.

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Missionary Rooms
Cornhill Boston March 14. 1834.

Dear Sir

Your notes of the 12th inst. communicating the generous offer of the Trustees of the Boston Athenaeum were received to day. We beg you will receive our thanks, and also permit us to transmit through you our grateful acknowledgements to the Trustees. Situated as we are, we often need to have access to the valuable means of information concerning foreign nations, which are found in the Athenaeum; And while we avail ourselves of the privileges shall always be happy to advance the interests of the institution.

Dr. Winer is now absent at the south or his name would appear with ours

We are Dear Sir Very Respectfully Yours
R. Anderson } Secretaries of
David Greene } the A. B. C. F. M.

Rev Wm. Jowett
Sec. Ch. M. Society London

Missionary Rooms, Boston U.S.A.
March 20. 1834.

Rev & Dear Sir

Permit me to introduce you to the Rev John S. Stone, Rector of St. Pauls Church in this City, and a cordial friend to the cause of Christ among the heathen.

Should Mr. Stone's engagements permit him to have a protracted interview with you, I think a free account from yourself of the rise and early history of your missionary Society, and of the obstacles it had to encounter, & the manner in which, with the blessing of God those obstacles have been surmounted might contribute materially to a result which thousands in the country not belonging to the Episcopal Church, would rejoice in. I mean the existence of a counterpart to your Church Missionary Society in the United States.

You will excuse the freedom of this suggestion. Praying that you may be favoured with the divine blessing in all your labors I am

Rev & Dear Sir

Very truly Yours in the Gospel

R. Anderson

Rev Wm Jowett

Sec'y. Ch. Miss Soc. – London

Cor. A. B. C. F. M.

Missionary Rooms Boston

March. 20. 1834

Rev. Wm. Ellis

For. Sec. Lond. Mis. Soc. London

London My Dear Sir

Permit me to introduce to your acquaintance the Rev. John S. Stone, Rector of St. Paul's Church in this City who is about making a short visit to England. I fear he will not have time to call upon you, but should he do so I am sure the interview will be mutually gratifying, and that you will be happy to furnish him with every facility in your power for gaining such information as he may desire to obtain in London, especially with regard to the means by which the spirit of Missions has been roused in the various Christian denominations of Great Britain. Your polite attentions to Mr. Stone will be gratefully acknowledged by Your

friend & brother

R. Anderson

Rev. Wm. Ellis.

Missionary Rooms Boston
March 21. 1834

Mr. Amos Abbot &
Mr. John Morey
Andover. Mss.

My Dear Sirs:— Your letters tendering your services to the Board for the Mahratta Mission were received this morning.

After conferring with Mr. Hall and Mr. Bardwell /if at Andover/ I wish you would both come to Boston, as we wish to converse with you personally before bring your cases before the committee. Your expences incurred by this visit will be paid by the Board.

But before you leave Andover I will thank you to write to the pastors of the Churches to which you belong and also to some pious and respectable ~~layman~~ who has been long and well acquainted with you, informing them of your present circumstances, and asking them to forward to the Secretaries of the Board without delay their views of your qualifications in all respects for the work proposed. Ask them to state every thing concerning you which they think it is desirable for us to know, and for the Committee to know before you recieve an appointment of so much importance. Tell them also why it is important that they write us without delay as if you go, we should wish to have you go as soon as the first of June.

Finally, Dear Brethren, say but little about this subject to any except Mr. Hall, Mr. Bardwell, and those friends to whom you are bound to write, but make it the occasion of earnest and unceasing prayer to God that you and we may have a clear discernment of duty. May you be divinely guided.

In much haste but very truly
Yours
R. Anderson

Missionary Rooms Boston March 21. 1834

My Dear Sir

Mr Amos Abbot and Mr. John Mooney of your institution, have offered themselves to the Board with a view to being sent to our Mahratta Mission

Be so good as to write as soon as may be your views of their qualifications for this service. Be as full as possible. Mr Mooney has some doctrinal scruples; we should like your estimate as to their importance in his case.

I shall requesting them to visit us.

I cannot close without expressing my sympathies with you in your recent domestic afflictions. May they prove great mercies.

In most haste but very truly Yours

R. Anderson

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For the Library of The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, please send addressed to me as follows:—

Map of India comprehending the countries, situated between the Indus and Canton, East and West; and Thibet and Singapore North and South. Compiled by order of the East India Company chiefly from original documents. On cloth in a case.

"Map of the Western Provinces of Hindoostan, inscribed to Sir John Malcolm." On cloth in a case.

Mr Hill our Treasurer is absent so that I cannot ascertain whether Mr Arundale has funds to pay for these maps, tho we will see that payment is not long deferred. You have doubtless received our remittance for your first shipment. It was made Nov. 25. At the same time I made a second request for books for our Board.

The enclosed Bill of twenty five pounds sterling on the house of Baring Brothers & Co. London is designed to pay for the books, ordered for the "Third Social Library."

Yours dear Sir

Very Respectfully Yours

R. Anderson

To P. Jackson Esq
38 New Bath Street
London.

Missionary Rooms Boston U.S.A.
March 21. 1834

Rev Wm. Ellis, Sec. &c.
of London Miss^y Society

My Dear Brother

Your favours of June 2^d Sep 5. Oct 12. & Dec 16. 1833 have been received since since I last wrote you which was on the 14th. of June.

We are greatly obliged by your kindness in procuring so good an agent for the purchase of our books as we find in Mr. Jackson & only fear that he will be wearied by the frequency of our small orders.

You perceive that your researches have been republished in this Country. The trade price for the four volumes is only $2,00 which of course puts a stop to the sale; at the invoice price of the copies sent to Crocker & Brewster from England. The republication of this work verifies the correctness of the opinion which I believe I expressed to you as to the disposition of many in this country to possess it. The duties on imported works are so high that few however are willing to pay the cost of such works. Crocker & Brewster have informed Messrs Fisher & Son that 14 copies of your work remain unsold.

With this I forward two letters with your address from the Sandwich Islands. The one in relation to the Marquesas Mission, from a Committee of the Sandwich Islands Mission has been made to our Prudential Committee, having been sent to us unsealed for the purpose. It is impossible to read the letter without feeling that the giving a distinct name to the Northern group of islands in this small cluster was an unfortunate event. The history of our proceedings in relation to the Washington Group is concisely given in our last annual report, and in the Missionary Herald for March you will find an account of the actual commencement of a Mission at Nukuhiva. And now it would seem that the entire field presented by the whole group north and south, is scarcely large enough, in respect to the inhabitants to give scope to the apparatus and machinery which is indispensible to a single mission! The probability is strong that many of our ships will soon be in the habit of resorting to Nukuhiva, in which case we could easily with the Divine blessing sustain a mission embracing every one of the Marquesas. Our Committee have no

desires however in respect to those Islands except that they be speedily and efficiently occupied by some Missionary Society. If you will undertake to do so we will retire altogether from that field. Nay as at present advised our Committee will deem it expedient that the brethren now at Naahuri should return to the Sandwich Islands in case Providence so order that your society prosecutes its contemplated mission in the Southeastern Group. The ground is properly yours though we should most cheerfully cultivate it with your free consent and the permission of our Divine master even the whole of it; but we perceive that two distinct missions are inexpedient, and if you feel bound to go forward we shall as cheerfully retire; satisfied with the important benefits we have already derived by our visits to the South Pacific worth manifold more than all the expence.

The manner in which the directors have met our advances upon the Marquesas, as described in your letter of Oct 12. which we have taken the liberty to publish, receives the grateful acknowledgments of our Committee.

Yours of Dec. 16th. on the subject of the traffic in ardent Spirits in the S. Sea Islands, has been published in the Missionary Herald of which we circulate 12,000 or 13,000 copies, and I shall send a copy of it to the secretary of the American Temperance Soc.

The interest on the whole subject of temperance is steadily increasing in this Country, and we may reasonably indulge the hope that the traffic in that destructive poison will take its place, at no distant day by the side of the Slave trade, from which it differs but little in principle if it does at all. We are persuaded that the evils of this traffic in the S. Sea Islands ought to be fully exposed as a means of bringing public opinion to bear upon it with burning indignation. Your recent exposures we most heartily approve. We will not lose sight of the subject. Mrs. A. unites with me in affect. remembrance to Mrs. Ellis. My Christian salutations to Mr. Arundel. The last year was one of great prosperity. What effect the present commercial distress will have upon us I know not. In the midst of judgments there is mercy. Revivals of Religion are multiplying on every hand. Most truly Yours

R. Anderson. Cor. Sec.

Missionary Rooms Boston
March 25. 1834

My Dear Sir

We shall be greatly obliged if soon after you return to Paris you will make inquiries & give information to the Rev. Daniel Temple, Smyrna, on the following points:-

1. Whether Arabic types are now cast at Paris - Whether they are thought by Arabic Scholars in that city to be as good as type cast elsewhere - and at what rate they may be obtained.

2. Whether Armenian types are cast in Paris &c &c.

3. Whether Smyrna types are cast there. &c &c

4. Whether Hebrew or Rabbinic Hebrew types are cast there.

5. Whether the materials for Lithographic printing may easily be procured there; &c &c

We shall also be obliged by your sending a copy of your letter to the Rev Eli Smith, Beyroot, Syria.

I send you a copy of our last report & Sermon. Our good brother Lewis Tappan of New York, told me that he thought we made but a snail-like progress towards the conversion of the world; and so I confess it seems to me. May the Lord quicken us and make us more faithful. But until "a more excellent way" of doing our work is pointed out, and proved to be more excellent, we do well to go on as we have begun. - I mean as to the nature of the means employed. Human nature is the same substantially every where, and the more means must substantially be em. to instruct, convict of sin and sanctify men in Boston New York, the Sandwich Islands and Turkey. What we now do we ought not to leave undone; but we ought to pray more, and be more anxious that God might be glorified in the Salvation of men every where. I hope my dear brother, that you will pray for us and stir up the good people of Paris to pray for us, more and more and for all the Missionary of the Board

I am Rev & D. & truly yours
R Anderson

Mr. John Hodges Boston.

P.S. I think it scarcely worth while on the whole to send to Mr. Stowe for my packet of letters.

Missionary Rooms Boston
March 25. 1833.

Rev Justin Edwards
Corresp. Sec. of Am. Temp. Soc.
Andover Mass.

Enclosing a copy of a letter from Rev Wm. Ellis. London - Date Dec 16. 1833.

— R. Anderson

Rev Wm. A. Hallock
Cor. Sec. Am Tr. Soc.

Missionary Rooms Boston
March 25. 1834.

My Dear Brother

I will now give you such impressions and opinions as I have on the subject of our receiving money from you for establishing a press at each of our foreign stations, and giving to the press the name of the state, town &c, which furnished the money. I write unofficially as you did. The subject has two parts.

1. Your furnishing money enough to our treasury to enable and constrain us to place an extra printing establishment at each of our foreign stations. I suppose you would give the money to us - on condition that we expend the money in that manner, and do all the printing you wish to have done at that mission without charge for the use of the press, types, &c, which were purchased with your money but that the press &c. are to be ours and subject to our direction, as our other presses are.. I see no objection to this on principle. If such an enlargement of the apparatus for printing can be advantageously made at any of our missions I see no strong objections to its being made by your society on the plan above supposed. Indeed, if you can furnish work enough for one press or two presses in each of our missions, and all the other departments of missionary labour can be enlarged in proportion, then that work ought to be done, and the sooner we are prepared with motives to do it the better. I would call your consideration however to two considerations.

In the first place, it is doubtful whether such a great and sudden enlargement of the printing apparatus would be expedient in many of our missions. Our zealous friends may say what they will abo

converting the world instantly, there are physical, Mechanical difficulties, as well as moral ones, in the way. There are natural impossibilities; at least, they are so to societies, if not to the church at large were all her energies put into requisition. Our eloquent brethren are excellent theorists, but they are bad practical men. Our brother Plummer's project of filling the world with ever tolerable translations of the Bible in twenty years, is an impossibility, in any practical view I can take of it. We ought to hear all our warm hearted brethren have to say of this nature, for they make noble suggestions and speak with the spirit, if they do not always with the understanding also; we ought to avail ourselves of every breeze, but to take care that we be not capsized, nor plunged headlong into the deep. Such doubtless are your own views, and those of all who have been long connected with our principal societies. God forbid however, that we should be narrow minded or timid in our views, or lukewarm in his service. While I am writing I get new light, as to what we may do with the press in our several Missions. In Turkey, indeed, it may not be wise to make more of a demonstration of this kind of force, than we are now making, but we may soon have free course even there. — To the Mahratta Mission we are about sending two layman to act as Bible & Tract distributors and superintendants of Schools, and shall probably send more, and can send as many as we please. We can also send another printer, and find and make employment soon for double the apparatus we have on the ground. The Mission will soon have a Type Foundry of its own. Would you resolve upon doubling the printing establishment in Ceylon, before hearing that the one just sent out is in operation? However, considering all things I could not object. There is a great amount of living consecrated agency in that Mission, and a boundless field on the adjacent coast. We shall soon know whether we are to use our common printing presses in Chinese printing. If so let a vast machinery be put in motion without delay. For one I am determined to encourage our missionaries to enter China boldly, even if some of them should die as martyrs. The nature of unconverted men is the same in every age and every where, and when the circumstances of men are the same as in the age of the Apostles we must expect

apostolic zeal, sometimes at least to be subjected to fiery persecution. Such an event will make it easier than it now is to obtain good missionaries, and the flames of a few martyrdoms would mightily increase the zeal of our churches. Yet I see not but you must wait a few months, till we see whether we can profitably make use of ~~[illegible]~~ type, or Stereotype plates. You remember I wrote to have some blocks sent home that we might cast plates from them. I expect them by Mr. Morrison. At the Sandwich Islands we may double our printing apparatus. We have engaged a book binder, and are looking for another printer, of the first rate! Do you know of one? to send out in May. We have been unfortunate in our printers. They had not good health enough in the outset. The press for eastern Africa, might perhaps very properly be given by you, & also for the Marquesas if we should continue that mission, which is not yet certain. Such are my own impressions, but without much reflection, on the bearings of such a measure.

The second consideration is this. The printing establishment given by your society could not ordinarily be kept distinct from our own. Generally it would be unwise to hire or build two separate offices. The presses, the Types, the whole apparatus and all its operations, would ordinarily be under the same roof, forming one establishment. Economy, efficiency, circumstances, would generally require this. Sometimes the tracts would be printed at one press, sometimes at another, sometimes with one set of types and sometimes with another &c. &c.

2. The subject of naming the establishment, by the state and towns, which furnish the money. To this I am strongly averse and I am sure ~~my brethren~~ will all feel with me in this. I dont like the principle on which the money would be given. We have, indeed to tolerate it somewhat, in the naming of Children, and of schools to some extent, and the selecting of missionaries, but we discourage it whenever we can, and mean to wean ourselves of it as fast as we prudently can. Nothing, scarcely, has occasioned so much trouble, as what I may call specific Charities. Perhaps no one thing has occasioned so much concerning, on the whole among our patrons, as peoples giving for particular children and

and school and missions. What you and we will be equally desirous of aiming at, will be to train people to giving to the cause of missions in general, I mean missions among the heathen. We may get less at first but we shall get more in the long run. In respect to the naming of the presses, there is besides the objection mentioned above. The establishments ought not to be kept distinct from the establishment for other purposes. Perhaps some would think that it would be worth while for your society and the Bible Society to send out printing establishments of their own, in their own name and wholly under their own direction, for the sake of having them distinct. I know this idea for separate organization are thought a good deal of by many. You recollect they have been urged by the abettors of separate organization in different denominations. But they are of questionable tendency. And yet in the progress of the work it may become necessary, and I believe it will for the Bible and tract societies to have great printing establishments of their own in different parts of the world. To this I see no objection in principle. But I have supposed it best in general, that the translators and distributing agents should be connected with and under the direction of missionary societies. At present we can do all your printing without any detriment to our work and the fact of our having large printing establishments which the missionaries are bound to keep to work, is a powerful motive with them for preparing work for the press.

Should these presses be named by states or towns both we and you would find no end to the enquiries misunderstandings ~~and~~ perplexities which grow out of them

Thus have I freely given you such thoughts as have occurred to me on this subject. I have necessarily written in the greatest haste, and you must excuse whatever you see amiss

The expense of the establishment we sent to Cayton which was complete except Tamil types, though economical was about a thousand dollars. Perhaps the necessary Tamil types might cost five hundred dollars, in which case the

whole would cost about $1500. This will be the annual expense of an establishment. I have been aware of the state of feeling to which you advert at the close of your letter and have thought it would not be strange if an effort were made to establish a society for the more rapid doing of the work.

But I have time to say no more. I have just learned from the evening paper that the Star has arrived at Philadelphia. I presume with Mr Winslow and his interesting charge. If so he is probably in New York by this time I shall write him tomorrow, Please give him my cordial salutations and say we shall be glad to see him as soon as he can come to Boston with convenience. He and all his are very welcome to this country.

May the Head of the Church bless his visit

Yours in affec ties

R. Anderson

Wrote to Rev Miron Winslow Am. Mess. for Boston. March 25. 1834

R. Anderson

Miss Lydia Brown
Grenfield. N.H.

Missionary Room Boston
March 27. 1834.

My Dear Madam

Circumstances prevented what is called a quorum of the Prudential Committee from attending the weekly meeting of Tuesday evening; but it has been informally determined to give you the appointment of an assistant missionary of the Board, with a view to the employment at the Sandwich Islands which have been already described to you. The necessary formality will be given to the business next tuesday evening, but you need not wait to hear further from us on the subject. Consider yourself as appointed, and as being fully set apart for the work of Christ among the Heathen, and may he give you every grace

You are also authorized to make the arrangements you propose for the quantity of apparatus mentioned in your letter of the 18th inst. viz.

4 large Wheels
3 for Linen
3 Looms
3 Small Wheels for Spinning and quilling and as many pair of handcards and wheels for spinning; together with the necessary appurtenances of reeds, gears, spools, clock reels &c &c.

The owner of the Ship Cashmere has some thoughts of sending her to the Marquesas and Sandwich Islands in May, though nothing is yet determined. Should that ship perform the voyage, we shall wish you to go in her. There is much uncertainty, but it will be important to have every thing ready if possible, early in May (say as soon as the middle at latest) so that there may be no hindrance.

We have full confidence that you will be able to get the things made reasonably and well. They can be better made, under your eye than here.

Be so good as to acknowledge the receipt of this letter as I wish to feel assured that you receive it. Now you are actually appointed to a mission beyond sea, your correspondence will be with me. God Grant that our future intercourse may greatly subserve the interests of our Lord Jesus Christ in his small but growing kingdom among the heathen

I am Dear Madam
Very Truly Your
R. Anderson
Sec. A. B. C. For. Mis.

Mr. Peter Parker
New Haven. Conn.

Missionary Rooms Boston
Boston March 27, 1834

My Dear Brother

I am obliged to answer yours of the 20th. inst. very briefly. 1st. The Committee see no objection to your receiving ordination as a missionary at New Haven and you are an

authorized to seek for ordination in that place, provided the professors in the Theological Seminary consent to such an arrangement; and may your anticipations all be realized.

2. In reply to your inquiries relative to the provision made for the families of deceased missionary, I send you a printed copy of the by-laws of the Board.

3. In respect to outfit — The first provision is for a voyage of four or five months, four fifths in warm weather, and no washing of clothes possible during the voyage. Shirts &c must be changed twice in the week, i.e. You will need two cotton shirts for each week, and these shirts will last two years after you arrive. Preserve all your old clothes for the voyage; make out a complete list of these; and then think how many more common articles of apparel you will need for so long a voyage, through warm climates for the most part. However it will be cold off the Cape of Good Hope, perhaps very cold, as you leave here in the summer.

These remarks will put the lady who is to accompany you in the way of determining, in general what she will need for the voyage. The amount of bedding necessary is estimated in the same manner as the changes of dress. Three sheets are usually allowed for a fortnight. Not three pair. A considerable number of towels will be required. Mr. Oliphant says that most articles of apparel worn in China may be obtained there as well and often better than here. On this subject more hereafter.

Your allowance, outfit — including for yourself and wife, a select library and furniture will be 666 dollars. The select library is your private library and will be regarded as your private property. What other books are needed will be procured, and remain the property of the Board.

I am glad you have obtained a degree in medicine, and still more rejoice in that more important acquisition, which you regard as verifying the remark I made some time ago. Be so good as to request the pastor and one or two Christian friends to forward a testimonial, according to usage of his suitableness for the work X. among the heathen. Nothing need be said to him on the subject.

I am dear Brother

Very truly Yours

R. Anderson Secy. &c.

Boston March 28, 1834

Rev Miron Winslow
New York City

My Dear Brother

As I expect to visit Salem to day, what I write you at this time must be written before breakfast. We think there can be scarcely a doubt that you came in the Star, and probably the letters received this morning will make it certain that you did. We shall certainly rejoice and bless God for your safe arrival with your interesting little charge. But I proceed to business.

1. It will be important that you attend the may meetings in New York. One of them will be a missionary meeting at which you will be expected to give attendance to some of your choicest facts. Brother Wisner, who will probably be in New York next week on his return from Virginia will have a good deal to say to you in relation to your operations while in this Country. On that subject your principle conference will be with him.

2. It will be very important, also, that you attend our may meeting in Boston, which come I believe the week after those in New York, but perhaps not till the second week.

3. The Committee thought when I brought the subject before them on tuesday evening, that on various accounts it would be desirable for you to visit Boston, very soon after your arrival, even if you should be able to stay here but a day or two. This was before we heard of the Star's arrival, and when we supposed you would not reach this Country before the last of April. Such was your expectation when you wrote me on the 31st of October. There is now plenty of time. I addressed Dr. Ely of Philadelphia, immediately on seeing it announced in the papers that the Star had arrived. I would now repeat the request, that as soon as your convenience will permit you will give us the pleasure of your company a few days.

4. It is desirable if it be possible, that you come in with the daughters of brother Poor, and accompany them on their first visit to their friends, in Danvers. The reasons I will explain when I see you.

5. I am anxious to converse with you, as soon as possible and as fully as possible in respect to missions in India including Ceylon. We hope to send to Bombay in May.

I have high expectations of your usefulness in this Country. Perhaps no man ever had a better opportunity to invite the people of God to holy activity in behalf of the heathen. One caution allow me to give you with brotherly freedom and the greatest earnestness: Dont commit yourself in respect to any of the Theological discussions, which have to some extent agitated our churches.

Most affectionately Your brother.

R. Anderson. Sec'y. &c

Mr. Tim° Dwight
New York City

Missionary Room Boston
March 29. 1834

My dear Brother

Circumstances have occasioned a delay in my reply to yours of the 20th. As the fact of your change of views on the subject of infant baptism was entirely new to us, it was necessary for me to consult the Committee before writing you. And yet the principle upon which the answer must be given had been long settled. Whatever opinions would be almost certain to disturb the harmonious operations of a missionary community, ought to be regarded as inadmissible. Among those opinions, so far as our operations are concerned, are the belief entertained by our Episcopal brethren, that our ordination is invalid, and the belief of our Baptist Brethren, that our baptism is unscriptural. Those opinions would disturb our whole system of ecclesiastical order, and sooner or later destroy the Christian fellowship of our mission.

Nothing has yet been done by our Committee to affect your relation to the Board, but it is the opinion of the Committee, that with the views you have felt bound to entertain on the subject of infant Baptism, it will be desirable that you propose a dismission from the service of the Board and seek some other channel, through which you can

more advantageously expend your benevolent labour upon the heathen world.

You have done right in communicating to us this change of opinion. It would have been more to have done otherwise. I pray my dear Sir, that you may know the truth as it is in Jesus, whatever that truth may be. Your present belief as to the scriptural manner of dedicating our infant offspring to God being at variance with my own, I cannot but regret the change; but if you are conscientious, if you should not hereafter show yourself to be unstable, if you maintain a spirit of good will to all your brethren in Christ Jesus of every name, I trust my confidence in your Christian character and my love for you will not be shaken.

I shall of course expect to hear from you again and am your sincere friend & brother

R. Anderson

Dear Sir